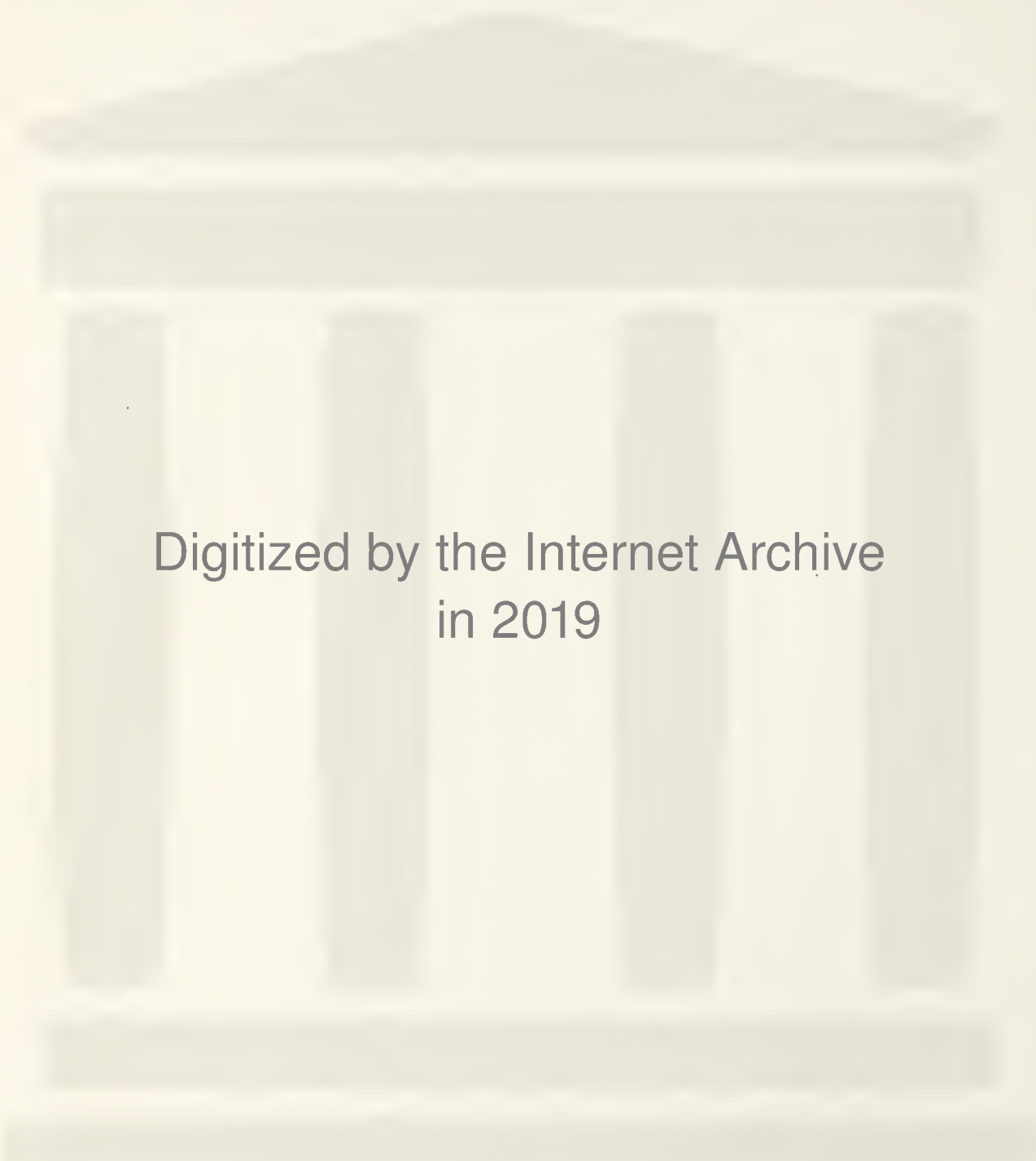


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TRANSACTIONS

October ye 30th. day, A.D.1762

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Chesterfield

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I. We believe yt. there is one only living and true God in three persons, Father, Son, and holy Gost, that in ye beginning God made Heaven and Earth:

II. We believe yt. sd. Scriptures of ye old and new [testament] are ye word of God and ye only perfect Rule of Faith and Practice.

III. We believe yt. man at first was made in ye image of God, holy and upright; yt. God entered into a Covenant of Life with him upon condition of perfect obedience, particularly forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil upon pain of death.

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V. We believe yt in our fallen state, God has of his mere grace and good pleasure from all eternity, determined to save some of the lost children of men and that those whom he hath thus chosen, he will in his own time effectually call and finally save.

VI. We believe yt the Holy Scriptures reveal yt only method God has proposed for their salvation and that in order to execute the purpose of his Grace therein, he has appointed his Son Jesus Christ, to be the only mediator and Savior of Sinners whom he has sent into the world in our nature. That whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life, and that through his ^{perfect} Righteousness and Atonement, all, and none but those, who believe are Justified and Saved.

VII. We believe yt no man in his natural state has power to believe or do anything whereby he can be intitled to Salvation but that it is owing to the saving influences of God's Spirit working in us, both to will and to do of his own good Pleasure.

VIII. We believe yt the last day Christ shall raise the dead and judge the World in Righteousness, shall receive the Righteous to everlasting life and condemn the ungodly to everlasting punishment.

These are the Articles of Faith and Practice which we the Members of this Church do hereby covenant to observe and keep inviolably to the glory of God our Father and the peace of the Church.

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Oct. 30 1764

The Covenant

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, apprehending ourselves, called of God to imbody^{into} a particular Christian Ch'h, do declare our Serious belief of ye Christian Religion as contained in ye Sacred Scriptures in Such a view thereof as is exhibit^d in our Confession of Faith & in ye Assemblies, large and Shorte Catechism, and in humble reliance[] ye Aid of Divine Grace, we heartily resolve to conform ourselves to ye Rules of Christ's Holy Religions as long as we live.

We now therefore give up ourselves to God to walk with him in a life of Religion Acknoliging our obligation to glorify him in all ye Duties of a Christian Life in Sobriety & Godliness, relying on Christ our Savior for eternal Life.

Particularly we desire to engage in reliance on Divine Grace to walk together as a Ch'h of Christ in ye Faith and order of ye Gospel according to all ye ordinances of it, conscientiously attending ye publick Worship of God, ye Sacraments of ye new Testament, ye Discipline of Christ Kingdom & call his holy Institutions in communion with and watching over one another according to ye Rules of ye Gospel, Studying ye things yt make for peace and things whereby one may edify another.

We further engage religiously to Instruct our offspring in ye Doctrines of ye Christian Religion, and Carefully to bring them up in ye Nurture and Admonition of ye Lord; in all relying on Divine Grace and praying yt God would strengthen us to every good work to do his will working in us yt which is well pleasing in his Sight.

Amen

We do furthermore for ye peaceable and regular maintainance of Gospel order and dicipline among us, for ye preventing of future difficulties, & for ye amicable and regular issuing of all matters of doubt or difference yt may arise, agree and covenant with respect to ye method of Ch'h Discipline as follows; viz;—

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Art. 6 That in case ye majority of the Church after ye judgment given by one Council shall think fit to refer ye matter to another Council, the Determination of ye Second Counsel shall be ye final issue of ye matter referred to them.

Art. 7 And that each Ch'h called to Sit in Counsel shall be represented to act in Counsel by its Pastor & one Deligate only:

Art. 8 That in all Counsels called by this Ch'h the matters referred to ye counsel shall be determined not by the majority of Churches, but by a majority of ye members of ye Counsel:

Art. 9 In case at any time a Counsel convened agreeable to ye above articles should in any matter referred to them be equally divided in their judgment, then ye Counsel shall call in a Pastor of some Ch'h. to set & act with them in ye Matters wherein they are Divided & ye majority shall determine it; So be it:

This 30 day of
October 1764

Benj'n Mills
Joseph Burnell
Joshua Healy
David Stearns
Ezra May
Robert Hamilton
Benjamin Tupper
George Buck

A true copy of ye Records

Test, Benj'n Mills Clerk

The Covenant.

The Covenant for admission of members to full communion.

You are now in the presence of God and this Assembly solemnly exhorts your individual obligation & exhort ye Lord Jehovah Father Son and Holy Ghost to be your God and give yourself up to him, to be his only & wholly his. You desire to take the word of God for the rule of your Faith and Practice, renouncing everything you know to be contrary thereto. You desire to have your dependence upon the Lord Jesus Christ for Righteousness, Justification, and Grace to do the will of God. You would look to the holy Spirit for his divine influence to you at all times, receiving to such Salvation by Christ in the way of the Gospel.

You acknowledge as a true Church of Christ and subject yourself to ye discipline of it, & ye regular administrations of it in this place so long as you continue a member with us: You promise & engage to walk as all ye

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Hatfield, July 24, 1765

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Chesterfield Jan. 6, 1766

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Chose Deacon Benj'n Tupper for ye first Quorister in this church.

April 29 1767

Then was held a Ch'h meeting in order to come into some method yt ye conduct of Profession (if possible) might be regulated by ye gospel: (The occasion of it was, there were many of ym who were negligent in attending ye ordinances of ye Gospel many times staying away from ye Lord's Supper, & neglecting one opportunity after another to bring their children to Baptism.) It was therefore proposed and voted as follows:- yt if any professor should without sufficient reason absent himself from ye Sacrament of ye supper, he should make a publick retraction & acknowledgement therefore, or be liable to ye Censure of ye Ch'h & it should be such a reason as should be judged sufficient by ye church, if he pretended to effect a reason for to excuse himself in staying away, so also if any opportunity was neglected to bring children to Baptism and as Brother Daniel Winter has not attended the ordinances of ye Gospel since I have been Settled (which is going on three years) it was concluded upon and voted to send a Committee to know his reason or let him know yt he should be suspended from ye ordinances of ye Gospel: The Committee chosen were Brother Buck, Brother Healy & Brother Stearns; & by ye way, Brother Winter was desired to come at this meeting and offer his reasons for ye above mentioned neglect, or he had gone on in it against frequent warnings & councils to ye contrary: & as Brother Tupper and Brother Burnel by yedesire of ye Brethren, had before to talk with him ye same account, & he chose (as I understood) not to give ym any account about it, at lest (least) as a Committee sent to him for yt purpose, in short ye case was, he denied ye Ch'h Right to deal with him.

June 28 1769

At a church meeting (after Solemn Prayer to Almighty God for direction) voted yt Publick Confessions for Scandalous Sins should be made before the whole congregation and the offender to stand in the Broad Alley.

And whereas Brother John Wilder has neglected Baptism for his youngest child for a considerable time, voted yt Brother Abner Brown and Brother Joshua Healey should be a committee to go & discourse with him about yt & know the reason of yt neglect.

Test: Benj'n Mills, Clerk.

Jan 13 1770

At a Ch'h meeting by adjournment from Nov. 1769 after solemn prayer, voted to withdraw our watch and care over Daniel Winter as a Christian Brother

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Chose Deacon Benj'n Tupper for ye first Moderator in this church.

April 29 1767

Then was held a Ch'n meeting in order to come into some method yt ye conduct of Profession (if possible) might be regulated by ye Gospel: (The occasion of it was, there were many of ye who were negligent in attending ye ordinances of ye Gospel many times staying away from ye Lord's Supper, & neglecting one opportunity after another to bring their children to Baptism.) It was therefore proposed and voted as follows: - Yt if any professor should without sufficient reason absent himself from ye Sacrament of ye Supper, he should make a publick retraction & acknowledgement therefore, or be liable to ye Censure of ye Ch'n & it should be such a reason as should be judged sufficient by ye church, if he pretended to effect a reason for to excuse himself in staying away, so also if any opportunity was neglected to bring children to Baptism and as Brother Daniel Winter has not attended the ordinances of ye Gospel since I have been settled (which is going on three years) it was concluded upon and voted to send a Committee to know his reason or let him know yt he should be suspended from ye ordinances of ye Gospel: The Committee chosen were Brother Buck, Brother Healy & Brother Stearns; & by ye way, Brother Winter was desired to come at this meeting and offer his reasons for ye above mentioned neglect, or he had gone on in it against frequent warnings & counsels to ye contrary: & as Brother Tupper and Brother Burnel by ye desire of ye Brethren, had before to talk with him ye same account, & he chose (as I understood) not to give any account about it, at least (I meant) as a Committee sent to him for yt purpose, in short ye case was, he denied ye Ch'n Right to deal with him.

June 28 1769

At a church meeting (after solemn Prayer to Almighty God for direction) voted yt Publick Confessions for scandalous Sins should be made before the whole congregation and the offender to stand in the Broad Alley.

And whereas Brother John Wilder has neglected Baptism for his youngest child for a considerable time, voted yt Brother Abner Brown and Brother Joshua Healy should be a committee to go & discourse with him about yt & know the reason of yt neglect.

Test: Benj'n Mills, Clerk.

Jan 13 1770

At a Ch'n meeting by adjournment from Nov. 1769 after solemn prayer, voted to withdraw our watch and care over Daniel Winter as a Christian Brother

for his contempt of the authority of this branch of the Church of Christ, & neglecting of the special ordinances of the gospel with us: voted also to return his letter of recommendation and what we have done to the F. Ch.h of Killingley from whence he came, desiring them to deal with him as the Gospel directs.

Test: Benj.n Mills, Clerk.

Jan.2, 1771

At a Church Meeting after solemn prayer, chose of the Brethren Capt. Stephenson and both the Deacons as a Committee to take cognizance of any reports reflecting the scandalous conduct of any of the brethren, & if it be supported with proper evidence for them to acquaint the pastor and lay it be fore the Church.

B. Mills, Clerk.

Jan.1, 1772

At a church meeting after solemn prayer to Heaven for direction, heard complaint against John Kenedy exhibited by Deacon Tupper for breach of Gospel Rules as in the Complaint appears: after hearing of it they voted it out, as the Dea.n was not present to support it & as it was objected yt he had not taken the preceding steps which the Gospel Requires.

B. Mills, Clerk.

Mr. Kennedy further subjected himself to the discipline of this church.

Jan.13, 1772

At a Ch.h meeting after looking up to God for assistance and direction, heard the petition of John Kennedy and Benj. Tupper & advised in what method to settle their affairs agreeable to their requests, as set forth in P. petition-- and chose of the Brethren, Dec.n Ezra May, Benj. Parsons, Joshua Healey, John Stephenson and Ephraim Patch to be a Committee to hear matters of controversy between them, and endeavor a settlement of them, and report to the Church at their next meeting - N.B. At this meeting Mr. Kennedy asserted that he could give it under oath that Deac.n Tupper took his Securities and gave a Power of them unbeknown to him. To the contrary of which the Dea.n P. he could sufficiently prove.

B. Mills, Clerk.

Feb.26,1

After Solemn prayer to God for his presence and blessing, heard the report of the above committee with respect to the matters referred to them between the above parties, accepted of the return and accordingly voted the exclusion of the above said Kennedy over holy Communion till he made publick satisfaction to Dea.n Tupper and as the P. Kennedy was notified this meeting, and excused himself when notified by refusing to attend without any sufficient reason as judged by this Church, & as he did neglect to attend, voted therefore that this Church looks upon it as an affront offered them, and considers it as a contempt of their authority that he did not appear at this meeting & in which light we shall consider it till he makes us satisfaction.

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September 21 1772

At a Church Meeting after looking to God for his presence and Direction the Brethren advised, agreeable to the request of the Town signified to me by a committee that I should make an abatement of part of my Salary for this present year.

Voted also that I should signify to George Buck that the Church thought it not proper to give a letter of recommendation of himself and wife to the Church in Worthington till he had Settled what he was in debt to this Church.

B. Mills, Clerk.

December 7 1774

At a Church Meeting, after looking to God for his presence, Direction & Blessing, in consequence of a letter from me to the Town desiring a dismission from this people on^{the} account of indisposition in Body, it was voted - -

1. That a council should be chosen for this purpose, that is for my dismission.
2. That the council should declare the union dissolved between the pastor and the Church & dismiss him from his ministerial obligations to this People.
3. Agreed to send to the three following Churches for council vz: -
to the Church in Worthington, to the Church in Williamsburg, & to the Church in Hatfield.
4. The time for the meeting of third council to be the 21st. day of this instant December.

At an ecclesiastical council holden at Chesterfield pursuant to letters missive from the Church of Christ in P. Town requesting the dismission of their Pastor upon the 20 & 21 Day of December 1774 --- present the Rev'd Messrs. Jonath'n Huntington with Capt'n Nath'l Daniels deligate - - - Joseph Lyman of Hatfield with Mr. Noah Coleman - - - Amos Butler of Williamsburg with Mr. Sam'l Fairfield - - - the Rev'd Mr. Huntington was chosen moderator, and the Rev'd Mr. Lyman scribe of the Council - - -

The moderator opened the council with prayer-- Then was laid before the council a copy of the request of the Rev'd Mr. Mills to the church of Christ and Inhabitants of the Town of Chesterfield for a dismission from his pastoral care, & relation to P. Church and people & likewise a copy of the vote of the Church consenting to a calling of a council for the above P. purpose of dismissing ye P. Rev'd. Mr. Mills from his pastoral care of & relation to P; Church & likewise a copy of ye vote of P. Town purporting a Like consent.--- The council taking into serious consideration the papers & votes above P. are therefrom induced considering the bodily infirmities of the P. Mr. Mills to determine that his usefulness is at an end in P. Town in his relation to them as their minester, & that the interest of Christ's Kingdom would not probably () by his continuing any longer to be the Pastor of P. Church & People, & therefore if P. Council have resolved unanimously, yt a continuation of ye pastoral relation of ye P. Rev'd Benj'n Mills to ye Church & People of P. Town would be inexpedient & ought therefore to be dissolved; & ye P. Relation is hereby declared to be dissolved & henceforth to cease --- & should God in his Providence restore the Health of the P. Rev'd Mr. Mills so yt he may be able to perform the function of the ministerial office in ye church of our Lord & Savior, this Council do hereby recommend him to ye improvement of ye Churches as a minister of ye Gospel of unsullied reputation, blameless in his life & conversation, sound in ye Faith of good abilities, apt to Teach & well quallified

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Signed by order of ye Council.

Jon.th Huntington, Mod.rt

A true copy ----- Capt. Joseph Lyman, Scribe.

January 26 1775

At a Church Meeting after opening with prayer, chose Mr. Huntington Moderator - chose Benj'n Mills Clerk to keep the Records of the Church - chose Dea'n Ezra May, Benj'n Mills, Dea'n Benj'n Tupper, Joshua Healey and Abner Brown to examine and propound members which may offer themselves for communion, and also to call Church Meetings when occasion may require etc.

Feb. 3 1780

At a Church Meeting, after the usual solemnity of Prayer, voted that those called halfway members were under obligation to the Church & ye Church to them - - - adjourned before anymore business was done to the 15th. of Feb. 1780. Met accordingly & came into the following resolves & votes, viz;-

Resolved - first

1- That every Church is or ought to be & we believe this Church is and ever was Settled upon the Foundation of the Apostles & Prophets, Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone - - Resolved - -

2 - That no persons in a Natural State receives any Spiritual Benefit or recommends himself to the Favour of God by attending any ordinance, whether prayer, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, or any other commanded duty,

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Voted To chose a committee of five to inquire of such as are called half-way members why they do not come up to their duty & admonish them of it, the five chosen, Messrs. Patch, Peirce, Stearns, Banister & Tucker.

Voted That no more halfway members should be admitted.

Voted To chose 3 as a committee to form an address to the People viz:-

Messrs. Mills, Tupper, & Burnell.

Voted That Thursday the 27th. of this instant Feb. be set apart by this church as a day of humiliation, Fasting & Prayer, to humble ourselves before Almighty God for our Remissness & Neglect of Duty, etc. etc.

April 20 1780

At a Church Meeting after the usual Solemnity, upon a request signed Benj'n Bonney & John Rogers in behalf of a number of the good people of Chesterfield desiring the determination of the Church upon the following questions, in these words, whether you hold that the Sacrement of the Lord's Supper is a Mean of Grace & a Converting ordinance or whether you hold it to be an ordinance appointed for the Mutual Benefit of those that are real Christians & for the Comfort & Edification of the true Children of God. Upon the first Question whether we held it as a converting Ordinance etc. no vote -- upon the second Question whether we held it as an ordinance for the Edification of Christians etc, a full vote. --

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Chesterfield, Mass.

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B. Mills, Clerk.

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Jesus Christ, for Righteousness, justification & Grace to do the Will of God, you would look to the holy Spirit for his Divine Influence on you at all times resolving by the Grace of God to seek Salvation by Christ in the Way of the Gospel; to love the Lord your God with all your Heart, with all your Soul & with all your Might and your Neighbour as yourself, the whole of your Life rejoicing in his Reign & Government.

You also give up to yourself this Ch'h according to the will of God, promising to watch over yourself and the Brethren as becometh Saints and in your place bear witness against Sin & in any wise rebuke a Brother & not suffer Sin upon him, Walking in all the ordinances of Christ's House, keeping up that kind discipline in his Ch'h which he enjoins in the Gospel, with all the genuine Expressions of true love to immortal souls, that they may be saved in the Day of the Lord Jesus Christ. You covenant to be faithful as a Member of this Church, upholding the worship of God in this Place & that you will not unnecessarily absent yourself from any Part of instituted Worship as the manner of Same is, but do what in you lies to prepare yourself for all the ordinances of Christ so long as God may continue ^{you} in this Church.

You also Covenant to be faithful in your Family, upholding the Worship of God in your House, engaging by the help of God to bring up your Children in the Nurture and admonition of the Lord, setting good examples of Piety, Righteousness & Sobriety before them holding them under the watch & discipline of the Ch'h and endeavor that they walk in all the commandments and ordinances of Christ as becometh his Disciples; and in your Family unitedly to be much in Prayer for the Conversion & Salvation of your Children and often teaching them & all under your care to honor & fear the Lord.

Whereas you have given yourself up to the Lord this Church in the Lord, you purpose & Promise that you will Live in the holy Fellowship in all holy watchfulness over yourself & this Church.

Amen.

We who have given up ourselves to God & each other in the Lord heartily invite all our Christian Neighbors to come up in this Solemn Relation that we & they may walk together as becometh Christians in this holy Fellowship.

We who have given our Hearty assent to the foregoing confession of Faith, and have entered into that happy relation with God & each other by Covenant vows and agreeable to the rules & precepts of the Gospel of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ do covenant to give to the following Method of admitting Members to the Special Ordinances of the Gospel & likewise to the following Rules of Discipline, viz:-

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② 4. - (Struck out) *see what this was*

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6. - That no member of the Church who is at the Head of a Family shall knowingly allow, promote, encourage or countenance any frolicking, gaming, profane or lascivious discourses to be carried on in his House, and anyone continuing to allow or countenance such practices from time to time in his House & justifying his Family therein shall be deemed guilty of Scandal & be proceeded with according to the Rules of Dicipline in other Cases.

7. - That no Member of the Ch.h shall frequent the Tavern or make a Practice of setting & drinking there nor be there unnecessarily at unseasonable hours at any time, unless he can give a satisfactory reason for so doing, & any member of the Ch.h practising in this manner shall be deemed guilty of Scandal & be proceeded with accordingly.

8. - That any brother of the Ch.h not attending Ch.h Meetings when duly notified be required to give reasons for his not attending at the next ensuing Ch.h meeting

9. - That in case any member of the Ch.h shall propagate or spread abroad any evil report respecting any offending Brother or Sister or their Pastor or lay in a Complaint against them, before he has taken the steps of private dealing directed to in the 18th. of Matthew shall be deemed guilty of a Breach of Covenant & be proceeded with accordingly, unless the Ch.h shall judge & determine otherwise when the case is laid before them.

10. - That each of us who have agreed to the foregoing Rules of Discipline do promise & engage to walk agreeable thereto & to other Rules & Precepts of the Gospel, endeavoring that Discipline be administered with impartiality & prudence towards every offending Brother, not with anger, envy, hatred, or malice, but with meekness, & humility as the followers of Christ, exercising that Brotherly love towards a weak or an offending brother which is the true Characteristick of every real friend to the Lord Jesus Christ & his visible Kingdom in the World, & in any wise rebuke a brother & not suffer Sin to remain upon him, lest Satan get advantage of us & by that means lay a stumbling block before them that are without and bring a Scandal upon the holy Profession & cause of Christ."

The Declaration of Jonathan Anderson.

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Ch.h in Hingham."

Signed Jonathan Anderson

Chesterfield, July 27, 1780

In presence of

Benj. Mills

Joshua Healey

Abner Brown

John Stephenson

John Pitcher Tucker

Members of the Church

To be made publick the next Sabbath by consent of the Parties.

July 30, 1780 read in publick.

Some extracts from Test. B. Mills, Clerk of ye Ch.h.

Letters were recd. at Chesterfield, 1780 at the desire of the Ch.h of
Christ in that place to write Mr. Josiah Kilburn to the care of the Baptist
Ministry among them. The following copies of Christ being presented by their
pastors and colleagues.

At a Church Meeting after the usual Solemnities, voted to apply to the
Select Men of the Town that they immediately issue a warrant for a Town
Meeting to be attended on the 25th. instant September, with the following
articles inserted in the warrant, viz;

1 - To know if the Town will agree with the Church with respect to the time
of Mr. Kilburn's ordination.

2 - To know if the Town have any objections against the ordaining Council
or either of them.

3 - To know if the Town will choose a Committee to make provision for the
ordination Council.

Voted, on the 8th. day of November for the Day of the ordination of Mr.
Josiah Kilburn.

Voted, to send to the Churches following for the Council for ordin-
ation viz; Stockbridge, Worthington, Northampton, Keen, Murryfield,
and Ashfield.

Chesterfield, Sept. 13, 1780.

Upon adjournment, the Church met & voted to make an addition to the
Council of one church, viz; the Church of Christ in Barre.-

At a Ch.h meeting, after the solemnity of prayer, there was a
complaint laid in by Mrs. Hallett, against Mr. Stephenson, accusing him of
being guilty of sales-dress. The case being the matter into consideration.

At a Church meeting, Chesterfield, Nov. 9th. 1780, the ch.h adopted
the following resolve which is to be placed as the Sixth resolve in page 17,
viz;

6 - That in the admission of members to this church, that offer them-
selves from other churches; its the opinion of this church that they have
a right to examine any member of any church that desires to join with them
(if they please) with regard to their friendship to Christ, and a reason
of the hope within them; notwithstanding they may have a letter of recom-
mendation from the church they came from.

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

For the said committee to settle the difficulties between them if they were
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November 29th, 1780

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Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

November 23th, 1780

At a church meeting after the solemnity of prayer; the Church voted
to have the Sacrament administered once in two months, viz; the first
Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September and November.

January 20th. 1781. The ch.h likewise voted to dismiss the members belonging to Chesterfield Gore, in order to incorporate into a different Church by themselves; viz. Lemuel Lyon, John Smith, Sarah Smith, Thomas Brown, Judith Brown, Daniel Brown and Dorcas Brown.

The Ch.h also at their meeting chose John Pitcher Tucker and John Russell to be the Quiristers to set the Psalm. In all difficulties that had arisen between them, and they Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

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February 22nd. 1781.

At a Ch.h meeting after prayer to God by prayer for Abandonment, voted: Some extracts from the minutes of an Ecclesiastical Council by letters missive, at Chesterfield Nov. 8th, 1780 at the desire of the Ch.h of Christ in that place to ordain Mr. Josiah Kilburn to the work of the Gospel Ministry among them. The following ch.h's of Christ being present by their pastors and Deligates.

The ch.h of Christ in Worthinton, Rev. Jonah Huntington, and Decon Jon. n Bruster. The ch. of Christ in Barry, Rev. d Josiah Dana and Mr. Nath. l Gennison. The Ch.h of Christ in Murryfield, Rev. d Aaron Bascom, and Decon Samuel Matthews. The Ch.h of Christ in Northampton, Rev. Solomon Williams, and Decon Jon. thn. Hunt. The Ch.h of Christ in Keene, Rev. d Aaron Hall, and Decon Daniel Kingsbury.

The Council being formed, chose Rev. d Mr. Huntington Moderator and Rev. d Mr. Williams Scribe.

On the 9th. the Council proceed to the ordination of Mr. Kilburn, all the difficulties in the view of the Majority being removed. It was therefore voted that the Rev. d Moderator should make the first prayer and give the charge. The Rev. d Mr. Bascom should make the ordaining prayer, and give the right hand of fellowship. and that the Rev. d Mr. Halls should make the last prayer.

Attest. Solomon Williams, Scribe. Josiah Kilburn Clerk.

Also at this meeting the Ch.h chose Josiah Kilburn Clerk. to the office of Deacon to serve in this Ch.h. The above named persons accepted of their appointment to the office of Deacons. several weeks after.

December 20th. 1780

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

At a Ch.h meeting, after the Solemnity of prayer, there was a complaint laid in by Mrs. Moffet, against Capt. Stephenson, accusing him of being guilty of false-hood. The ch.h taking the matter into consideration, and heard the evidences on both sides, the Ch.h found the said Stephenson not to be guilty of the charge brought against him. And Test, Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

January 14th. 1781

The Ch.h thought proper to take into consideration the neglect of Mrs. Moffet not attending the the Sacrement, and thought proper to chose a committee of three to enquire into the reasons of her not attending, and if she gave this as a reason, her not being satisfied with Capt. Stephenson, for the said committee to settle the difficulties between them, if they were able. The Brethren chosen for that purpose were John Habert, Jonathan Russel and John Russel.

June 1st. 1781.

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

At a Ch.h meeting, where Daniel Whipple, Lemuel Bruster, and Nathaniel Brown, as a committee to treat with Jonathan John Wilbur, with regard to the difficulty of settling between him and the Ch.h. Also, voted to dismiss from this Ch.h and recommend to the Ch.h in Goshen; Joseph Farnsworth

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January 28th, 1781

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Test, Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

February 22nd. 1781.

At a Ch.h meeting after looking to God by prayer for direction, Voted: to dismiss Deborah Banister, wife of Bez.l. Banister, and recommend her to the Ch.h of Christ in Chesterfield Gore.

Also, voted to chose five of the Brethren, as a committee, to enquire into any reports that are or may be propagated respecting the conduct of any of the members of the Ch.h and to lay them, by way of complaint before the Ch.h where they shall judge it necessary. The Brethren chosen were John Pitcher Tucker, Ephriam Hatch, John Stephenson, Benjamin Peirce and Abner Brown.

March 15th, 1781.

After looking to God by prayer for his Direction in matters that were then before them; the Ch.h voted to dismiss and recommend Hannah Parsons, to the Ch.h in Chesterfield Gore.

At this meeting there was exhibited a letter from John Wilder and his Wife requesting a dismission from this Ch.h and recommendation to the Ch.h in Northampton. The Ch.h taking the matter into consideration, thought proper to chose a committee to confer with said Wilder upon the propriety of his request, and report to the Ch.h accordingly, chose five as a committee, viz; The Pastor, Ephraim Hatch, John Russel, Benjamin Pierce and Thomas Halbert.

Also at this meeting the Ch.h chose Benjamin Pierce and Thomas Halbert to the office of Decons to serve in that office in this Ch.h. The above named persons accepted of their appointment to the office of Decons. ---- several weeks after.

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

May 2nd. 1781.

At a Church meeting, May 2nd, 1781, after looking to God by prayer for Direction: proceeded to examine a number of candidates for communion: And voted to dismiss and recommend to dismiss Mary Grimes to the Church in Chesterfield Gore.

At this meeting the committee chosen at the last Ch.h meeting to treat with with Brother Wilder with regard to his neglect, made their report, together with the unchristian treatment they received from Mr. Wilder; which was accepted of by the Ch.h. See the report on file. They also voted that the Pastor serve Mr. Wilber with a copy of the report of the committee, as soon as may be.

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

June 1st. 1781.

At a Ch.h meeting, chose Samuel Rhoads, Lemuel Banister, and Nathaniel Briant, as a committee to treat with Brother John Wilder, with regard to the difficulty of Subsisting between him and the Ch.h. Also, voted to dismiss from this Ch.h, and recommend to the Ch.h in Goshen; Joseph Banister

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June 28th. 1781

At a Ch.h meeting, the Ch.h voted that it be the general practice of this Ch.h, not to baptize any children above the age of twelve years old, unless the Ch.h in future time shall see fit to order it otherwise.

Test. Josiah Kilburn, Clerk.

April 12th. 1781

At a Church meeting October 4th, 1781 after attending upon the Solemnities of the Day which was sett apart as a Day of Fasting & Prayer to God, on account of ye frown of Heaven upon us in the removing our Pastor from us by Death, chose Mr. Barker moderator of P. Meeting. Benj.n Peirce Clerk of the Ch.h

April 14th. 1782

Test. Ben.n Peirce, Clerk.

November 24th, 1781.

At a Ch.h meeting after looking to God by Prayer for direction & assistance, examined a candidate for communion.

Voted: to dismiss from this Ch.h & recommend to the Ch.h of Goshen David Stearns & Hannah his wife, also Lemuel Banister & Elizebeth his wife.

Voted: to adjourn the meeting to Friday ye thirtieth Day of this instant November at one o'clock P. M. to meet with Brother John Wilder. Assembled agreeable to ye adjournment.

Voted: Notwithstanding the (third) articles of Discipline in Page 22nd. which required Candidates to be propounded 2 Sabbaths before the Ch.h meeting to be held immediately after the Sacramental (licituve) that where persons are found fit subjects for the especial ordinances of the Gospel & have a desire to be admitted and are unable to attend in Publick as in extraordinary circumstances, that the Ch.h may admit them by a Committee or ptherways as they think proper.

Voted: To chose a committee to treat with Mr. Eben.r Pinchin and admonish him to come up to his duty if they, upon examination, find him a fit subject.

The brethren chosen were brother Joseph Burnel, John Stephenson & John Russell.

December ye 30th 1782. (1781)

After Publick worship was ended,

Voted: To dismiss Josiah Brown & Recommend him to ye good people where he now resides.

Test. B. Peirce, Clerk.

At a church meeting after looking to God by Prayer for direction, January ye 10th, 1782.

Voted to receive Mr. Isaac Whitmore & Mary his wife & Azuba Kellogg by letters, also heard ye report of a Committee chosen to treat with Mr. Pinchin the last meeting, and the report is as follows; viz; that his evidences are such that he may be admitted to all ye ordinances of the Gospel & that he promises to attend ye especial ordinances of ye gospel in this Place & come to ye Sacrament the next time it is administered there by ye leave of Providence.

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Voted: Notwithstanding the (third) articles of Discipline in Page 32nd. which required Candidates to be propounded 2 Sabbaths before the Ch.h meeting to be held immediately after the sacramental (Licitive) that where persons are found fit subjects for the especial ordinances of the Gospel & have a desire to be admitted and are unable to attend in public as in extraordinary circumstances, that the Ch.h may admit them by a Committee or otherwise as they think proper.
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thru Voted to accept him an ye report by his giving his consent to the confession of faith & Covenant. ~~Benj.n Peirce, Secy. & Samuel~~
 Voted to make void a vote passed June 28th 1781 respecting ye age of children to be dedicated in baptism. ~~Benj.n Peirce, Secy. & Samuel~~
 with the Church's Call to the Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
 In this Place. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

April 12th. 1782

At a Ch.h meeting Voted to dismiss from this Ch.h and recommend to the Ch.h in Goshen Alice, Wife to Will.m Hallock.
 Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

April 14th. 1782

Sept. After public Service was ended Voted to dismiss Sister Mary & Joel Beal & Recommend them to the Ch.h of Christ in Goshen.

After public worship was Test., v Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
 a Rule of Ch.h Discipline, also voted to disannul and make void the former Plans viz. in Pages 16 & 17th. also 22, 23, 24, 25, 26th. & 27th. the Plan is as follows, viz:

August 17th. 1782 At a Ch.h meeting Voted (v Benj.n Peirce, Moderator of P.meeting. also examined a Candidate. ~~Benj.n Peirce, Secy. & Samuel~~
 Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
 that persons desiring to be received into the Ch.h of Christ and if they are disposed, they are desired to give the Reasons of their being that is either orally or by writing at the time when they are to be received.

January 21st. 1783 At a Ch.h meeting after looking to God in Prayer for direction, voted to give Mr. Aaron Crosby a call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in this Place. ~~Benj.n Peirce, Secy. & Samuel~~
 Voted to treat with those persons that absent^{ed} themselves from special ordinances of the Gospel. at the next Ch.h meeting.
 Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
 of this Ch.h by virtue of a letter, the letter being presented to the Ch.h on Sabbath before, the Clerk of the Ch.h has a right upon the letters being read to put in the vote whether the person be received.

March 29th. 1783 At a Ch.h meeting after looking to almighty God in Prayer for his direction & assistance, Voted to receive Hepzibah Clap the wife of Paul Clap upon a letter from Northampton.
 Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
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March 30th. 1783

At a Ch.h meeting Voted to receive Mr. Aaron Crosby into the Ch.h of Christ in Goshen.
 Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

July 30th. 1783 At a Ch.h meeting after the usual Solemnity in Prayer to Almighty God voted:

1st. To chose a committee of five to revise the Plans of Ch.h Discipline, & desire the R.Mr. Aaron Crosby's attendance and assistance in the matter, and to collect one Plan from our Present Plans & Lay the same before the Ch.h at some future meeting for their approbation or disapprobation as they shall

Voted to accept him and give report by his giving his consent to the
confession of faith & Covenant.
Voted to make void a vote passed June 28th 1781 respecting ye age
of children to be dedicated in baptism.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

April 12th. 1782
At a Ch. meeting Voted to dismiss from this Ch. n and recommend to the
Ch. n in Goshen Alice, Wife to Will. m. Hallock.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

April 14th. 1782
After publick Service was ended Voted to dismiss Sister Mary & Joel
Beal & Recommend them to the Ch. n of Christ in Goshen.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

August 17th. 1782
At a Ch. n meeting Voted (Moderator of P. meeting.
also examined a Candidate.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

January 21st. 1783
At a Ch. n meeting after looking to God in Prayer for direction, voted
to give Mr. Aaron Crosby a call to settle with us in the work of the Ministry
in this place.
Voted to treat with those persons that absent themselves from special
ordinances of the Gospel. at the next Ch. n meeting.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

March 25th. 1783
At a Ch. n meeting after looking to almighty God in Prayer for his
direction & assistance, Voted to receive Hezekiah Clap the wife of Paul Clap
upon a letter from Northampton.
Benj. n. Peirce Clerk.

July 30th. 1783
At a Ch. n meeting after the usual Solemnity in Prayer to Almighty God
voted:
1st. To choose a committee of five to revise the Plans of Ch. n Discipline,
& desire the R. Mr. Aaron Crosby's attendance and assistance in the matter,
and to collect one Plan from our Present Plans & lay the same before the Ch. n
at some future meeting for their approbation or disapprobation as they shall

July think proper.

The brothers chosen as a Committee were, Benj.n Peirce, Thos. Halbert, Ephraim Patch, Nath.l Coleman, John Russell.

Also voted that the above named Committee wait upon ye R. Mr. Crosby with the Church's Call to him to settle with us in the work of the Ministry in this Place.

Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

November ye 2nd. 1783

The Ch.h voted to give brother Nath.l Coleman a letter of recommendation at his desire, being about to go a journey.

Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Sept.r 14th, 1783

At a Ch.h meeting. After Publick Worship was ended, voted to adopt the following Plan as a Rule of Ch.h Discipline, also voted to disannul and make void the former Plans viz. in Pages 16 & 17th. also 22: 23: 24: 25: 27th. & 28th. the Plan is as follows, viz:

1st: That no person in a Natural State receives any Spiritual Benefit or recommends himself to the favour of God by attending any ordinance whether Prayer, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper or any other commanded duty.

2ndly. That persons desiring to join the communion of this Church be required to give Gospell evidence to the Ch.h of their friendship to Christ and if they are disposed, they are desired to give the Reason of their Hope that is within them verbally or by writing at the time when they are to be received.

3 ly; That the Pastor or Clerk propound those who understandingly desire admission to Communion with this Ch.h att lest two Sabbaths before they are admitted and that every member of the Ch.h ought to obtain the Satisfaction the Gospell required before the time to which they stand propounded that their declining to give a Publick declaration before the Ch.h may be no bar against their admission.

4ly. That when any member of a Sister Ch.h offers himself to the communion of this Ch.h by vertue of a Letter, the letter being Proposed to the Ch.h one Sabbath before, the Clerk of the Ch.h has a wright upon the Letters being read to put the vote whether the person be received.

5 ly: That no member of this Ch.h shall divulge Private offences; but follow the Rule of Discipline which Christ has given in ye 18th. Chapter of Matthew.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

March ye 2nd. 1784

Att a Ch.h meeting examined a candidate viz, Mary, wife to Ephraim Phinny & voted to admit her to communion. Also voted with respect to Provision made for a his supplying the Communion Table Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk

Voted: To raise Six Pence on ye Vote for the future supply of the Communion Table & to pay an arriage behind say due.

Voted: To call ye January Term for graduation on account of ye common severity of the season.

think proper.
The brothers chosen as a Committee were, Benj. n Peirce, Thos. Walbert,
Ephraim Patch, Nath. I Coleman, John Russell.
Also voted that the above named Committee wait upon ye R. Mr. Crosby
with the Church's Call to him to settle with us in the work of the Ministry
in this place.
Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

November ye 2nd. 1783
The Ch. n voted to give brother Nath. I Coleman a letter of recommendation
at his desire, being about to go a journey.
Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. 14th. 1783
At a Ch. n meeting.
After Public Worship was ended, voted to adopt the following Plan as
a Rule of Ch. n Discipline, also voted to disannul and make void the former
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as follows, viz:

Ist: That no person in a Natural State receives any Spiritual Benefit or
recommends himself to the favour of God by attending any ordinance whether
Prayer, the ordinance of the Lord's Supper or any other commanded duty.
2ndly. That persons desiring to join the communion of this Church be
required to give Gospel evidence to the Ch. n of their friendship to Christ
and if they are disposed, they are desired to give the Reason of their Hope
that is within them verbally or by writing at the time when they are to be
received.

3 ly: That the Pastor or Clerk propound those who understandingly desire
admission to Communion with this Ch. n at least two Sabbaths before they are
admitted and that every member of the Ch. n ought to obtain the Satisfaction
the Gospel required before the time to which they stand propounded that their
declining to give a Public declaration before the Ch. n may be no bar against
their admission.

4 ly. That when any member of a Sister Ch. n offers himself to the communion
of this Ch. n by virtue of a Letter, the Letter being proposed to the Ch. n one
Sabbath before, the Clerk of the Ch. n has a right upon the Letters being
read to put the vote whether the person be received.
5 ly: That no member of this Ch. n shall divulge Private offences; but follow
the Rule of Discipline which Christ has given in ye 18th. Chapter of Matthew.

Test. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

March ye 2nd. 1784
At a Ch. n meeting examined a candidate viz. Mary, wife to Ephraim
Phinny & voted to admit her to communion.
Test. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

July 2nd. 1784 At a Ch.h meeting after looking to Almighty God in Prayer for assistance & directions - before

Voted: R.d Mr. Allen Moderator of P. Meeting.

Voted: To admit Jemima Strong & Lucy Cowen (?) into Ch.h fellowship with us upon letters.

Voted: To postpone ye examination of Hulda Orcutt upon the account of her absents from ye Special ordinances of the Gospel for this meeting.

Test. Benj. Peirce, Clerk.

July 4th 1784

After ye Solemnitys of ye day were ended in Publick,

Voted: To chose a committee of five to look into a difficulty to subsisting between Brother Nath'l Coleman & Sister Sarah Bates & report at a future meeting to ye Ch.h. Brethren chosen, Benj.n Tupper, Joseph Burnell, Thos. Halbert, Sam'l Rhoads, Amasa Clapp.

Test. B. Peirce, Clerk

Sept. 3d. 1784

After looking to Almighty God in Prayer for guidance & direction, Voted to allow Huldah what she calls Liberty of Conscience in some matters agreeable to her Pettition to ye Ch.h August 24th. 1784. Petition () also voted in consequence of a Pettition from a number of ye Inhabitants of ye town to ye Ch.h requesting them to sing without reading line by line. ye Ch.h voted to Sing ye first & second time, in ye forenoon by reading two lines at a time & ye third singing without reading.

Also voted to except ye confession of Brother Coleman & Sister Bates agreeable to ye report of the Ch.h committee as to all matters of controversy subsisting betwixt them. to which they both gave this report. Report on file.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

October 3rd. 1784

The Ch.h voted that the members at a Ch.h meeting of 3d. Ch.h should give a List of their Children's names to the Clerk of ye Ch.h all those that have been baptized. So that there may be a Proper record kept of the same.

Test: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

November 5th. 1784

At a Ch.h meeting after ye Preparatory Liciture (?) voted to chose a Committee of two members to settle with Gen'l Tupper with respect to Provision made for & his supplying the Communion table. Persons chose Benj.n Peirce & D.n Halbert.

Voted: To raise Six Pence on ye Pole for the future supply of the Communion table & to Pay an arreage behind now due.

Voted: To omit ye January term for communion on account of ye common Severity of the Season.

July 2nd. 1784

At a Ch.h. meeting after looking to Almighty God in Prayer for assistance & directions - before
 Voted: R.d. Mr. Allen Moderator of P. Meeting.
 Voted: To admit Lemmas Strong & Lucy Cowen (?) into Ch.h. fellowship with us upon letters.
 Voted: To postpone ye examination of Hilda Orcutt upon the account of her absention from ye special ordinances of the Gospel for this meeting.

Test. Benj. Peirce, Clerk.

July 4th 1784

After ye solemnity of ye day were ended in Publick,
 Voted: to chose a committee of five to look into a difficulty to subsisting between Brother Nathl. Coleman & Sister Sarah Bates & report at a future meeting to ye Ch.h. Brethren chosen, Benj. n. Tupper, Joseph Burnell, Thos. Halbert, Sam'l Rhoads, Amasa Clapp.

Test. B. Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. 3d. 1784

After looking to Almighty God in Prayer for guidance & direction,
 Voted to allow Hilda what she calls liberty of Conscience in some matters agreeable to her Petition to ye Ch.h. August 24th. 1784. Petition (?)
 also voted in consequence of a Petition from a number of ye inhabitants of ye town to ye Ch.h. requesting them to sing without reading line by line. ye Ch.h. voted to sing ye first & second time, in ye forenoon by reading two lines at a time & ye third singing without reading.
 Also voted to except ye confession of Brother Coleman & Sister Bates agreeable to ye report of the Ch.h. committee as to all matters of controversy subsisting betwixt them. to which they both gave this report. Report on file.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

October 3rd. 1784

The Ch.h. voted that the members at a Ch.h. meeting of 24. Ch.h. should give a list of their Children's names to the Clerk of ye Ch.h. all those that have been baptized. So that there may be a proper record kept of the same.

Test: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

November 5th. 1784

At a Ch.h. meeting after ye Preparatory Lecture (?) voted to chose a Committee of two members to settle with Genl. Tupper with respect to Provision made for & his supplying the Communion table. Persons chose Benj. n. Peirce & D. n. Halbert.
 Voted: To raise six Pence on ye Pole for the future supply of the Communion table & to pay an arreage behind now due.
 Voted: To omit ye January term for communion on account of ye common Severity of the Season.

Voted: that this Ch.h consider it disorderly for members to leave the meeting house before Publick worship is ended from time to time.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Jan.y ye 23rd. 1785

The Ch.h voted to recommend Brother Sam'l Gilbert to the Ch. of Christ in Marlborough, State of Vermont.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

April 11th, 1785

At a Ch.h meeting after the usual Solemnity in Prayer to amighty God imploring the Pardon of Sin & direction in the dutys of the Present Day, first chose Gen.l Tupper Moderator of this Meeting then Voted unanimously that it is the desire of this Ch.h that the Rev.d Timothy Allen be Set apart as our Teacher in the work of the ministry, & that Brothers Tupper, Peirce & Stephenson be a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Allen to inform him of the same.

Also voted that the above said committee Pettition the Selectmen of P. town of Chesterfield to draw a warrant for a town meeting to know the minds of said town with respect to the town's concurrence or not concurrence with respect to the Ch.h call to the R. Mr. Allen to settle with us in the work of the ministry.

Also voted to restore Brother E. Brown upon a recantation made to the Ch.h at this meeting on the account of his Leaving the house and Publick Worship of God Sundry times in a disorderly manner.

Also voted at a request of sundry of the brethren to chose a committee of nine brethren to Propose some method of respecting singing in Publick, also with respect to reading the Psalm Line by Line as it is sung. The Brethren chosen are Benj.n Tupper, John Russell, John Stephenson, and Benj.n Peirce, Nath.l Coleman, Paul King, Ebene.r Brown, Jn.o Pitch.r Tucker, David Healy. The above said Committee to report to the Ch.h at some future meeting.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

May ye 2nd, 1785.

At a Ch.h meeting voted to send letters missive to six Churches to assist in the instalment of the R. Timothy Allen. viz: to the Ch.h of Christ in Williamsburgh, Ch.h in Cummington, Ch.h in Ashfield, Ch.h in Chester, Ch.h in Norwich, Ch.h in Partridgefield.

Voted: that if three churches meet and agree to proceed in the installment of Mr. Allen, it shall be considered legal & a quorum voted to chose a committee of three Brethren, to draw letters missive & send the same.--- Brethren chosen are Benj.n Tupper, John Stephenson, & Benj.n Peirce. Voted that the day assigned for the solemnity of Installment be the fiveteenth day of June this curret year, also vated that it is the desire of this ch.h that the R. Mr. Timothy Allen preach the Sermon on said day.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened in Chesterfield Jan.15th, 1785 in consequence of Letters Missive, to install the Rev.d Timothy Allen to the Pastoral Office; over the Ch.h & people of P. Town, Present the Rev.d Joseph

Voted: that this Ch. consider it disorderly for members to leave the meeting house before Public worship is ended from time to time.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

Jan. ye 23rd. 1785
The Ch. voted to recommend Brother Saml Gilbert to the Ch. of Christ in Marlborough, State of Vermont.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

April 11th, 1785
At a Ch. meeting after the usual solemnity in Prayer to almighty God imploring the Pardon of sin & direction in the duty of the Present Day, first chose Genl Tupper Moderator of this Meeting then Voted unanimously that it is the desire of this Ch. that the Rev. d Timothy Allen be set apart as our Teacher in the work of the ministry, & that Brothers Tupper, Peirce & Stephenson be a committee to wait on the Rev. Mr. Allen to inform him of the same.

Also voted that the above said committee Petition the Selectmen of P. town of Chesterfield to draw a warrant for a town meeting to know the minds of said town with respect to the town's concurrence or not concurrence with respect to the Ch. call to the R. Mr. Allen to settle with us in the work of the ministry.

Also voted to restore Brother E. Brown upon a recantation made to the Ch. at this meeting on the account of his leaving the house and Public Worship of God Sunday times in a disorderly manner.
Also voted at a request of sundry of the brethren to choose a committee of nine brethren to propose some method of respecting singing in Public, also with respect to reading the Psalm line by line as it is sung. The Brethren chosen are Benj. n. Tupper, John Russell, John Stephenson, and Benj. n. Peirce, Nathl. I. Coleman, Paul King, Ebene. r. Brown, Jas. Pitcher, Tucker, David Healy. The above said Committee to report to the Ch. at some future meeting.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

May ye 2nd, 1785.
At a Ch. meeting voted to send letters missive to six Churches to assist in the installment of the R. Timothy Allen, viz: to the Ch. of Christ in Williamaburgh, Ch. in Gunnington, Ch. in Ashfield, Ch. in Chester, Ch. in Norwich, Ch. in Partridgefield.
Voted: that if three churches meet and agree to proceed in the installment of Mr. Allen, it shall be considered legal & a quorum voted to choose a committee of three Brethren, to draw letters missive & send the same.-----
Brethren chosen are Benj. n. Tupper, John Stephenson, & Benj. n. Peirce. Voted that the day assigned for the solemnity of installment be the fifteenth day of June this current year, also voted that it is the desire of this Ch. that the R. Mr. Timothy Allen preach the sermon on said day.
Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

At an Ecclesiastical Council convened in Chesterfield Jan. 15th, 1785 in consequence of letters Missive, to install the Rev. d Timothy Allen to the Pastoral Office; over the Ch. & people of P. Town, Present the Rev. d Joseph

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Strong, Mr. Josiah Dwight, deligate, Williamsburgh, Rev. Aaron Bascom, Chester; R.d James Briggs, Cumington, R. John Lealand, Mr. Joseph Clark, deligate, Partridgefield, The Re.d Joseph Strong was chosen Moderator, & Aron Bascom scribe. The Council was then opened by Prayer, The Council was then certified by Authenticated Copies of Votes, that the Ch.h & People of Chesterfield have chosen & called the Rev.d Timothy Allen for their Pastor & also his Acceptance of their invitation. The Council then proceeded to enquire into the regular standing of Mr. Allen in the Ministry. Also his sentiments in divinity, & voted unanimously that our way is clear to Proceed to his Reinstallation. The Council then assigned the Parts as follows, viz: The Rev.d Mr. Lealand to make the first prayer, the Rev.d Aaron Bascom to make the Prayer before the charge; the Rev.d Mr. Strong to give the charge; the Rev.d Mr. Briggs to make the concluding Prayer, the laying on the hands & giving the right hand of Fellowship, are thought unnecessary in the present case. Passed & voted unanimously as the result of Council. Signed at the desire in behalf of council by Joseph Strong, Moderator.
Attest, Aaron Bascom Scribe. Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

June ye 24th. 1785

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At a Ch.h meeting, June 24th, 1785, After looking to almighty in Prayer, & humble supplication for direction, Voted Benj.n Peirce be ye Clerk of ye ch.h to keep the ch.h Records by a particular Request of Rev.d Mr. Allen. Also voted by the desire of Benj.n Peirce that a Committee be chosen to examine the Ch.h Records as to their Propriety & Consistency of their being kept heretofore. Voted that the committee consist of three; Brethren chosen are John Stephenson, Nath.l Coleman & John Russell. Voted to suspend acting upon the report at the committee respecting Publick Psalmody untill the Next Meeting.

Test. Ben.n Peirce, Clerk.

July 10, 1785

That all those members that are deficient in the last two be once more a Ch.h voted to Sing in the forenoon by Reading the Psalm 'line by line' & in the afternoon without reading line by line.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

August ye 21st. 1785

Ch.h voted notwithstanding former votes to proceed for that part of Publick worship respecting Psalmody by reading Line By Line, & to revoke former votes to the contrary. Voted they were told under, by their care to their ministry: In that holy ordinance (the Lord's Supper) to themselves & the Religion of Jesus Christ. Brethren chosen are Benj.n Peirce, Ephraim Peirce, John Stephenson, Nath.l Coleman.

Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

November 4th, 1785

At a ch.h meeting after the usual solemnities, voted to admit Frances Kidd upon a letter into communion with this Ch.h

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

December ye 22nd. 1785

At a ch.h meeting after Prayer to almighty God &c. etc.

Strong, Mr. Josiah Dwight, delegate, Williamaburgh, Rev. Aaron Bascom, Oyster; R. d. James Briggs, Gunnington, R. John Lealand, Mr. Joseph Clark, delegate, Partridgefield, The Rev. d. Joseph Strong was chosen Moderator, & Aaron Bascom scribe. The Council was then opened by Prayer, The Council was then certified by Authenticated Copies of Votes, that the Ch. h. & People of Oysterfield have chosen & called the Rev. d. Timothy Allen for their Pastor & also his Acceptance of their invitation. The Council then proceeded to enquire into the regular standing of Mr. Allen in the Ministry. Also his sentiments in divinity, & voted unanimously that our way is clear to proceed to his Reinstallation. The Council then assigned the Parts as follows, viz: The Rev. d. Mr. Lealand to make the first prayer, the Rev. d. Aaron Bascom to make the Prayer before the charge; the Rev. d. Mr. Strong to give the charge; the Rev. d. Mr. Briggs to make the concluding Prayer, the laying on the hands & giving the right hand of Fellowship, are thought unnecessary in the present case. Passed & voted unanimously as the result of Council. Signed at the desire in behalf of Council by Joseph Strong, Moderator. Attest, Aaron Bascom scribe. Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

June 24th, 1785

At a Ch. h. meeting, June 24th, 1785, After looking to almighty in Prayer, & humble supplication for direction, Voted Benj. n. Peirce be ye Clerk of ye Ch. h. to keep the Ch. h. Records by a particular Request of Rev. d. Mr. Allen. Also voted by the desire of Benj. n. Peirce that a Committee be chosen to examine the Ch. h. Records as to their Propriety & Constancy of their being kept heretofore. Voted that the committee consist of three; Brethren chosen are John Stephenson, Nath. l. Coleman & John Russell. Voted to suspend acting upon the report at the committee respecting Publick Psalmody until the Next Meeting.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

July 10, 1785

Ch. h. voted to sing in the forenoon by Reading the Psalm line by line & in the afternoon without reading line by line. Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

August ye 21st, 1785

Ch. h. voted notwithstanding former votes to proceed for that part of Publick worship respecting Psalmody by reading line by line, & to revoke former votes to the contrary.

Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

November 4th, 1785

At a Ch. h. meeting after the usual solemnities, voted to admit Frances Kidd upon a letter into communion with this Ch. h.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

December ye 22nd, 1785

At a Ch. h. meeting after Prayer to almighty God &c.

Voted Brother Stephenson attend this meeting as a moderator by reason of R. Mr. Allen being called away.

Voted: Agreeable to the report of the committee chosen to examine the Ch.h Records to reconsider the Vote as in Page 6th. respecting a certain number of Brethren which is the major Part of the members present & in a Vote to make it legal.

Also voted to pass over all other articles in the Report, except in Page 30th of this Book, inserting in a certain Place & Vote in addition to what was before recorded (Several weeks after).

Voted to give a letter of Recommendation to Brother John P. Tucker & his wife to the Ch.h in Royalston.

Voted also to reconsider the vote in a meeting August 21st. 1785 respecting reading line by line for Publick Singing.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. ye 1st. 1786

June ye 9th. 1786

At a Ch.h meeting, after prayer to almighty God for direction etc.

Voted to except the report of a Committee chosen April 11th. 1785 respecting publick Psalmody which is as follows, viz.

that we sing in the forenoon by reading line by line & in the afternoon without, & that the number of Quoristers be enlarged & appointed a Committee to agree on what tunes are most proper to be sung; & if there are any objections with respect to any tune, the objector to give his objections in writing to some one of the Committee & in case the Committee cannot convince ye objector of the propriety of singing s.d tune or tunes, then the matter to be decided by the Ch.h Brethren. chosen were Eben.r Brown & David Studley(?)

Voted: To except ye report as of 1 instant of a Committee Chosen to settle with Brother Tupper & is as follows, viz: that there is due from him to the Ch.h 30d as a part of a tax one shilling on the pole to make provision for the Communion table.

Voted: that all those members that are deficient in the Last tax be once more called upon & if they do not comply & settle soon, to be called upon by the Ch.h to answer for their neglect in a publick manner.

Voted to raise a tax of 16 on the pole on all ye members of this Ch.h for future supply of ye Communion table & pay all back arrearages.

Voted to chose a committee of 3 members to confer with Mr. Will.m Bates with respect to his admission into this Ch.h on letters from sister Churches. Brethren chosen are Benj.n Peirce, John Russell, Thos. Halbert.

Voted to chose a committee of 5 Brethren to treat with those Baptized persons under the inspection & watch of this Ch.h tho not given themselves up & recognized their Baptismal Vows they were laid under, by their parents in their infancy; In that holy ordinance (who have done publick dishonor to themselves & the Relegion of Jesus Christ. Brethren chosen are Benj.n Peirce, Ephraim Patch, Thos Halbert, John Stephenson, Sam.l Rhoades.

June ye 17th. 1786

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

July ye 7, 1786

Previous to the Communion after divine service,

Voted all present agreeable to the Report of ye Committee that was chosen to treat with Mr. Will.m Bates not to admit him into communion with this Ch.h notwithstanding his letters. By reason of his disorderly walk, etc.

Received ye report of the Committee Chosen to treat with Elizabeth

Voted Brother Stephenson attend this meeting as a moderator by reason of R. Mr. Allen being called away.
 Voted: Agreeable to the report of the committee chosen to examine the Ch. Records to reconsider the Vote as in Page 6th. respecting a certain number of Brethren which is the major part of the members present & in a Vote to make it legal.

Also voted to pass over other articles in the Report, except in Page 30th of this Book, inserting in a certain Place & Vote in addition to what was before recorded (Several weeks after).
 Voted to give a letter of Recommendation to Brother John P. Tucker & his wife to the Ch. in Roylston.
 Voted also to reconsider the vote in a meeting August 21st. 1785 respecting reading line by line for Publick singing.
 Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

June ye 9th. 1786

At a Ch. meeting, after prayer to almighty God for direction etc.
 Voted to except the report of a Committee chosen April 11th. 1785 respecting publick Psalmody which is as follows, viz.
 that we sing in the forenoon by reading line by line & in the afternoon without, & that the number of Quoristers be enlarged & appointed a Committee to agree on what tunes are most proper to be sung; & if there are any objections with respect to any tune, the objector to give his objections in writing to some one of the Committee & in case the Committee cannot convince ye objector of the propriety of singing a. d. tunes or tunes, then the matter to be decided by the Ch. Brethren. chosen were Ebenr. Brown & David Studley(?)

Voted: To except ye report as of 1 instant of a Committee Chosen to settle with Brother Tupper & is as follows, viz: that there is due from him to the Ch. 30d as a part of a tax one shilling on the pole to make provision for the Communion table.

Voted: that all those members that are deficient in the last tax be once more called upon & if they do not comply & settle soon, to be called upon by the Ch. to answer for their neglect in a publick manner.

Voted to raise a tax of 1s on the pole on all ye members of this Ch. for future supply of ye Communion table & pay all back arrearsages.

Voted to chose a committee of 3 members to confer with Mr. Willm Bates with respect to his admission into this Ch. on letters from sister Churches. Brethren chosen are Benj. n. Peirce, John Russell, Thos. Halbert.

Voted to chose a committee of 5 Brethren to treat with those Baptized persons under the inspection & watch of this Ch. who not given themselves up & recognized their Baptismal Vows they were laid under, by their parents in their infancy; In that holy ordinance (who have done publick dishonor to themselves & the Religion of Jesus Christ. Brethren chosen are Benj. n. Peirce, Ephraim Patch, Thos. Halbert, John Stephenson, Sam. I Rhoades.
 Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

July ye 7. 1786

Previous to the Communion after divine service,
 Voted all present agreeable to the Report of ye Committee that was chosen to treat with Mr. Willm Bates not to admit him into communion with this Ch. notwithstanding his letters. By reason of his disorderly walk, etc.

Voted: that our Rev.d Pastor serve those baptized persons with letters, that have done publick dishonour to the Religion of Jesus Christ that have not made publick retraction for the same.

Voted, yt D.n Halbert be not called upon for any tax to make provision for the communion table by reason of his providing the element of Bread without cost to the Ch.h at Large.

Voted - that 5 brethren be chose as a committee to treat with Mr. Will.m Bates & his wife on ye account of difficulties subsisting between them & ye Ch.h brethren chose are Benj.n Peirce, Sam.l Rhoades, John Thwing, John Ryall & Aaron Jedell.

Test. B. Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. ye 1st, 1786

At a Ch.h Meeting; previous to the communion after divine service, voted that the account of Benj.n Peirce be accepted wherein was found a ballance due to B. Peirce 5:2:7:0 which was an adjustment of all taxes & supplies down to June 7th. 1786.

Also voted to except the report of a committee chose to treat with Mr. Will.m & Sarah Bates & is as follows, viz: that we are not as we can see, called of God to receive him into & fellowship him, as a brother att this time: (Report on file) But bring nothing capital in Sister Bates conduct which stands as a bar against her.

Voted to raise a tax of /7 on the pole on the members of this Ch.h for the future supply of the communion table. & that if any members disposed to turn for Produce, viz. flex, by reason of the present scarcity of money, to Brother John Russell before he goes down after a Ch.h stock of wine, it will be excepted: As he is desired to attend the same. Also Received of Brother Tupper the ballance due from him to the Ch.h which was 1/10 & is in the Hands of ye Clerk viz. Benj.n Peirce.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

May ye 18th. 1787

At a Ch.h meeting,

After the solemnitys of the day, voted to admit Sister Wilder to commune with us upon her desire, notwithstanding her letter heretofore. Also voted & chose a Committee of 3 Brethren to treat with Sister Elizabeth Tayler upon her desire by letter to receive Baptism by Immersion. & P. Committee to report to ye Ch.h att some future meeting, Brethren chosen were Ephraim Patch, Joseph Burnel & Stephen Baker.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

June ye 17th. 1787

Church voted to choose a Committee of three members viz; D.n Tho.s Halbert, Gen.l Tupper & Mr. Patch to treat with brother Seth Tayler for his neglect of publick worship, ordinances, etc.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. ye 16th. 1787

Excepted ye report of the Committee Chose to treat with Elisabeth

Voted: that our Rev. d. Pastor serve those baptized persons with letters, that have gone publick dissonance to the Religion of Jesus Christ that have not made publick retraction for the same.

Voted, yt D. M. Halbert be not called upon for any tax to make provision for the communion table by reason of his providing the element of bread without cost to the Ch. h. at large.

Voted that 5 brethren be chose as a committee to treat with Mr. William Bates & his wife on ye account of difficulties subsisting between them & ye Ch. h. brethren chose are Benj. n. Peirce, Sam. l. Rhodes, John Thwing, John Ryall & Aaron Jeddell.

Test. B. Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. ye last, 1786

At a Ch. h. Meeting; previous to the communion after divine service, voted that the account of Benj. n. Peirce be accepted wherein was found a balance due to B. Peirce 5:2:7:0 which was an adjustment of all taxes & supplies down to June 7th. 1786.

Also voted to except the report of a committee chose to treat with Mr. William & Sarah Bates & as follows, viz: that we are not as we can see, called of God to receive him into a fellowship him, as a brother at this time: (Report on file) But bring nothing capital in Sister Bates conduct which stands as a bar against her.

Voted to raise a tax of 7 on the members of this Ch. h. for the future supply of the communion table, & that if any members disposed to turn for produce, viz. flax, by reason of the present scarcity of money, to Brother John Russell before he goes down after a Ch. h. stock of wine, it will be excepted: As he is desired to attend the same. Also Received of Brother Tupper the balance due from him to the Ch. h. which was 1/10 & is in the Hands of ye Clerk viz. Benj. n. Peirce.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

May ye last. 1787

At a Ch. h. meeting,

After the solemnity of the day, voted to admit Sister Wilder to commune with us upon her desire, notwithstanding her letter heretofore. Also voted & chose a Committee of 3 Brethren to treat with Sister Elizabeth Taylor upon her desire by letter to receive Baptism by Immersion. & P. Committee to report to ye Ch. h. at some future meeting, Brethren chosen were Ephraim Patch, Joseph Burnel & Stephen Baker.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

June ye 17th. 1787

Church voted to chose a Committee of three members viz: D. n. Thos. Halbert, Gen. l. Tupper & Mr. Patch to treat with brother Seth Taylor for his neglect of publick worship, ordinances, etc.

Test. Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

Sept. ye last. 1787

Excepted ye report of the Committee Chose to treat with Elizabeth

Taylor & is as follows (viz) She justifies herself for her disorderly withdrawment from this church.

Also voted that the Clerk send her a Cytation to attend a Ch.h meeting ye 1st. day of Oct. next.

Also voted to choose Brothers Benj.n Tupper, John Rogers, & Stephen Baker to treat with Brother Seth Tayler for his neglect of publick worship & the special ordinances of ye gospell.

By reason of the former Committees not being able to attend or absent.

Also voted that Brother John Stephenson desire Brother Aaron Jewell to attend a ch.h meeting in Oct. 1st, 1787 & Brother Stephen Baker to desire Brother Paul King to attend ye above P. meeting to answer to charges that may be then laid in against them.

The ch.h voted to attend P. Meeting on ye above P. day att one oclock P.M.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1787

Our

Remembrance of a Church meeting on ye 14th. of July 1787.

July ye 14th. 1788

Voted that Brother John Thwing serve Seth & Elizabeth Tayler with copy's of the Result of this Ch.h Respecting them etc.

Also, voted that the undersigned Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk. with respect to Seth & Elizabeth Tayler & for a rule of procedure for ye Ch.h in like cases hereafter. Withstanding the committee that was heretofore appointed.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch.h Meeting, December ye 7th. 1787.

Voted to adopt the Draught Drawn by Mr. Timothy Allen for a rule of conduct in the case of Seth & Elizabeth Tayler, & others of the like nature (Draught on file)

Voted to choose Brothers Stephen Baker, N. Coleman & John Rogers to treat further with Brothers A. Jewell & Paul King for their disorderly rule, etc.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1788

At a Ch.h Meeting May ye 30th. 1788

After publick worship, the Ch.h voted that an addition of two brethren be chosen to join the Committee that was chosen to treat with Brothers King & Jewell, as they did not give satisfaction to the Committee for the Ch.h by the Committee's Report. Brethren chosen are John & Jonathan Russell.

Voted to give Brother Benjamin Tupper & his wife a letter as they are about to remove from us.

Voted that all those that neglect or are unreasonable att Publick worship on the Lord's Day shall be called unto ye answer, their sinful negligence for such cases.

Voted to choose a Committee of three brethren to treat with those persons or numbers that neglect publick worship. Brethren chosen, Mr. Pastor, John Russell & Benj.n Peirce

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Taylor & is as follows (viz) She justifies herself for her disorderly withdrawal from this church. Also voted that the Clerk send her a Citation to attend a Ch.h meeting ye Ist. day of Oct. next. Also voted to choose Brothers Benj.n Tupper, John Rogers, & Stephen Baker to treat with Brother Seth Taylor for his neglect of public worship & the special ordinances of ye gospel. By reason of the former Committee not being able to attend or absent. Also voted that Brother John Stephenson desire Brother Aaron Jewell to attend a Ch.h meeting in Oct. Ist, 1787 & Brother Stephen Baker to desire Brother Paul King to attend ye above P. meeting to answer to charges that may be then laid in against them. The Ch.h voted to attend P. Meeting on ye above P. day at one o'clock P.M.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

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Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

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Church Transactions

October ye 1st. 1787

At a church meeting, after solemn prayer to Almighty God, voted:
That Brother John Russell take the minutes of the meeting.

2 ly Voted that they are dissatisfied with Brother Taylor's conduct.

3 ly Voted to choose brothers John Russell, Nathaniel Coleman & Stephen Baker as a committee to form a plan for the Ch.h to act upon Respecting Brother Tayler & others in like circumstances.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday ye 12th. day of this instant at one o'clock P.M. att ye meeting house

Attest: John Russell,
Benj.n Peirce Clerk.

1787

our
Upon adjournment of a Church meeting of ye 1st. of Oct.r to ye 12th. 1787,

Voted that from and after this, all those that are absent or appear late att ye appointment of a Ch.h meeting in this Town, that all & each member shall be interrogated & be requested to give a sufficient reason for their conduct..... or be dealt with.

Also, voted that the moderator Procure a Draught for the Church with respect to Seth & Elizabeth Tayler & for a rule of procedure for ye Ch.h in like cases hereafter. Notwithstanding the committee that was heretofore appointed.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce Clerk.

At a Ch.h Meeting, December ye 7th, 1787.

Voted to Adopt the Draught Drawn by Rd. Timothy Allen for a rule of conduct in the cases of Seth & Elizabeth Tayler, & others of the like nature (Draught on file)

Voted to choose Brothers Stephen Baker, N.Coleman & John Rogers to treat further with brothers A.Jewell & Paul King for their disorderly walk, etc.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1788

At a Ch,h Meeting May ye 30th. 1788

After Publick worship, the Ch.h voted that an addition of two brethren be chose to join the Committee that was chose to treat with Brothers King & Jewell, as they did not give satisfaction to the Committee nor the Ch.h by the Committee's Report. Brethren chose are John & Jonathan Russell.

Voted to give Brother Benj.n Tupper & hulda his wife a letter as they are about to remove from us.

Voted that all those that neglect or are unseasonable att Publick Worship on the Lord's Day shall be called upon to answer ^{for} their sinful neglects for such cases.

Voted to choose a Committee of three Brethren to treat with those persons or members that neglect publick worship. Brethren chose, Rd. Pastor, John Russell & Benj.n Peirce

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk

October ye 1st. 1787

At a church meeting, after solemn prayer to Almighty God, voted:
That Brother John Russell take the minutes of the meeting.
2 ly Voted that they are dissatisfied with Brother Taylor's conduct.
3 ly Voted to choose brothers John Russell, Nathaniel Coleman & Stephen Baker as a committee to form a plan for the Ch. to act upon respecting Brother Taylor & others in like circumstances.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to Friday ye 12th. day of this instant at one o'clock P.M. at ye meeting house

Attest: John Russell,
Benj. n. Peirce Clerk.

1787

Upon adjournment of a church meeting of ye 1st. of Oct. to ye 12th. 1787
Voted that from and after this, all those that are absent or appear late at ye appointment of a Ch. meeting in this Town, that all a each member shall be interrogated & be requested to give a sufficient reason for their conduct.... or be dealt with.
Also, voted that the moderator procure a Draught for the Church with respect to Seth & Elizabeth Taylor & for a rule of procedure for ye Ch. in like cases heretofore. Notwithstanding the committee that was heretofore appointed.

Attest: Benj. n. Peirce Clerk.

At a Ch. Meeting, December ye 7th. 1787.
Voted to Adopt the Draught Drawn by Rd. Timothy Allen for a rule of conduct in the cases of Seth & Elizabeth Taylor, & others of the like nature (Draught on file)
Voted to choose Brothers Stephen Baker, N. Coleman & John Rogers to treat further with brothers A. Jewell & Paul King for their disorderly walk, etc.

Attest: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

1788

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After Publick worship, the Ch. voted that an addition of two brethren be chose to join the Committee that was chose to treat with Brothers King & Jewell, as they did not give satisfaction to the Committee nor the Ch. by the Committee's Report. Brethren chose are John & Jonathan Russell.
Voted to give Brother Benj. n. Tupper & his wife a letter as they are about to remove from us.
Voted that all those that neglect or are unreasonable at Publick Worship on the Lord's Day shall be called upon to answer for their sinful neglects for such cases.
Voted to choose a Committee of three Brethren to treat with those persons or members that neglect publick worship. Brethren chose, Rd. Pastor, John Russell & Benj. n. Peirce

Attest: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk

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Oct. 17 1788

At a Ch.h meeting.

After publick worship was ended, voted to except the report of Brother Thwing as a Committee to serve Seth & Elizabeth Taylor with a copy of their Proceedings towards them for their disorderly withdrawment from said Ch.h.

Voted to raise a tax of one shilling on ye Pole of every member of ye Ch.h for the future supply of the communion table.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1789

At a Ch.h Meeting in Chesterfield after Prayer for direction & assistance in ye dutys of ye Day, May 22 d., 1789

Voted to receive, & restore Brothers Robert Hamilton & John Rogers upon their making a recantation & verbal confession for intemperate drinking & gave them a kind and friendly admonition.

Also voted to receive Brother Aron Jewell upon his humble and Christian return, notwithstanding his former neglect of ye worship of God in this Place.

Voted to chose a committee, 3 members to treat with Brother Paul King on the account of reports lying against him for excessive drinking etc. viz. N. Coleman, I. Damon, John Russell.

Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1790

Jan.y 31st.

Ch.h voted to recommend John Olds & Ruth his wife.

.....At a Ch.h meeting December 21st Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Voted that Brother John Rogers be required to give a publick confession for past offences.

At a Church meeting, April ye 2nd. 1790, voted to admit Salome Rhoades by a letter from Ch.h Northampton.

..... Test. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

June 3rd. 1790

At a Ch.h meeting. After Publick worship being ended, voted to release Brother John Russell as attending constantly as Quoryster, he providing suitable persons to take ye lead, etc.

Also voted to choose a committee of 3 members to treat with Brother John Rogers for his unchristian walk, & report. Brethren chose are, Stephen Baker, John Thwing, Jr. John Burnel. Also Voted that the above committee treat with brother Paul King, as the former Committee chose (1789) for that purpose have been providentially or otherwise hindered or prevented.

Also voted to omit Reading the Psalm Line by Line to sing, Except at the communion.

Attest. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

June 20th. 1790

Ch.h voted to choose 5 members to attend the examination of Eunice

Attest. Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Oct. 17 1788

At a Ch. meeting.

After public worship was ended, voted to except the report of Brother Thwing as a Committee to serve Beth & Elizabeth Taylor with a copy of their Proceedings towards them for their disorderly withdrawal from said Ch. Voted to raise a tax of one shilling on ye Poles of every member of ye Ch. for the future supply of the communion table.

Test. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

1789

At a Ch. Meeting in Chesterfield after Prayer for direction & assistance in ye duty of ye Day, May 22 d. 1789

Voted to receive, & restore Brothers Robert Hamilton & John Rogers upon their making a recantation & verbal confession for intemperate drinking & gave them a kind and friendly admonition. Also voted to receive Brother Aron Jewell upon his humble and Christian return, notwithstanding his former neglect of ye worship of God in this Place. Voted to choose a committee, 3 members to treat with Brother Paul King on the account of reports lying against him for excessive drinking etc. viz. N. Coleman, I Damon, John Russell.

Test. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

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Test. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

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At a Ch. meeting.

After Public worship being ended, voted to release Brother John Russell as attending constantly as Quaker, he providing suitable persons to take ye lead, etc. Also voted to choose a committee of 3 members to treat with Brother John Rogers for his unchristian walk, & report. Brethren chose are, Stephen Baker, John Thwing, Jr. John Burnell. Also Voted that the above committee treat with Brother Paul King, as the former Committee chose (1789) for that purpose have been provisionally or otherwise hindered or prevented. Also voted to omit Reading the Psalm line by line to sing, Except at the communion.

Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

June 20th. 1790

Ch. voted to choose 5 members to attend the examination of Eunice

Cowing with Mr. Allen as to her Christian experience, & evidence of her faith in Christ. Brethren chosen are Ephraim Patch, Benj.n Peirce, John Russell, Spencer Phelps, Stephen Baker. Report that she gives evidence of her friendship to Christ, & upon her desire, vote her into fellowship with the Ch.h & baptize her by the name of (Eunice) Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch.h Meeting July 31st. 1790 voted to refer the report of the committee chosen to treat with Brothers Rogers & King unto Agust 19th. 1790. 3 o'clock P.M. & then to proceed to examine them as to Reports, etc.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

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1790

At a Ch.h Meeting Aug. 19th. by adjournment from 21st. July last, after Solemn Prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance, voted;

1791 That they receive some degree of satisfaction in Brother Paul King notwithstanding former reports & consider him as entitled to all the privileges of ye gospell with this Ch.h.

Also voted to discontinue the former committee appointed to treat with Brothers Roger & King. & choose a committee of three Brethren to treat with Brother John Rogers for his disorderly conduct. Brethren chosen are Nath.11 Coleman, Jonathan Russell & John Thwing, Jr. Attest, Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch.h Meeting Oct. ye 1st. 1790

Voted to except ye report of a committee chose to treat with Brother John Rogers, Report on file.

Also voted yt said committee treat further with Brother Rogers & report.

Attest, Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h meeting December 21st. 1790

Voted that Brother John Rogers be required to make a Publick confession for past offences.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned, voting (?) day ye 11 Jan.ry 1790 one o'clock P.M., att R.d Mr. Allens.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1791

January 11, 1791. Mett according to adjournment & voted to except of the recantation of Brother John Rogers & restore him to their fellowship again upon his prysenting himself the next Sabbath with his proposed acknowldgement to the Ch.h.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h Meeting, March ye 1st. 1791

After Solemn Prayer to Almighty God for directions, ye Ch.h voted themselves into a Committee of the whole to discourse matters with Brother Wm. Banister: respecting reports lying against him; upon which he gave them satisfaction; & also manifested a degree of sorrow for all his misconduct; & resolved by the grace of God to live for future more agreeable to his Christian Profession. Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h conference, July, 1791

Voted to choose a committee of five to treat with Brother Banister respecting reports lying against him, (viz) Ephraim Patch, Tho.s Halbert, Stephen Baker, Spencer Phelps, Amasa Clapp.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Giving with Mr. Allen as to her Christian experience, & evidence of her faith in Christ. Brethren chosen are Ephraim Patch, Benj. n Peirce, John Russell, Spencer Phelps, Stephen Baker. Report that she gives evidence of her friendship to Christ, & upon her desire, vote her into fellowship with the Ch. n & baptize her by the name of (Nancy) Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n Meeting July 31st. 1790 voted to refer the report of the committee chosen to treat with Brothers Rogers & King unto August 1st. 1790. 3 o'clock P. M. & then to proceed to examine them as to Reports, etc. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

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1790

At a Ch. n Meeting Aug. 1st. by adjournment from 21st. July last, after solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance, voted; That they receive some degree of satisfaction in Brother Paul King notwithstanding former reports & consider him as entitled to all the privileges of ye gospel with this Ch. n.

Also voted to discontinue the former committee appointed to treat with Brothers Roger & King, & choose a committee of three Brethren to treat with Brother John Rogers for his disorderly conduct. Brethren chosen are Nath. n Coleman, Jonathan Russell & John Thwing, Jr. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n Meeting Oct. ye last. 1790 Voted to except ye report of a committee chose to treat with Brother John Rogers, Report on file. Also voted yt said committee treat further with Brother Rogers & report. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n meeting December 21st. 1790 Voted that Brother John Rogers be required to make a public confession for past offences. Voted that this meeting be adjourned, voting (?) day ye 11 Jan. y 1790 one o'clock P. M., at R. d Mr. Allens. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

1791

January 11, 1791. Mett according to adjournment & voted to except of the restoration of Brother John Rogers & restore him to their fellowship again upon his presenting himself the next Sabbath with his proposed acknowledgement to the Ch. n. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n Meeting, March ye last. 1791 After solemn prayer to Almighty God for directions, ye Ch. n voted themselves into a Committee of the whole to discourse matters with Brother Wm. Banister: respecting reports lying against him; upon which he gave them satisfaction; & also manifested a degree of sorrow for all his misconduct; & resolved by the grace of God to live for future more agreeable to his Christian Profession. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n conference, July, 1791 Voted to choose a committee of five to treat with Brother Banister respecting reports lying against him, (viz) Ephraim Patch, Thos. Halbert, Stephen Baker, Spencer Phelps, Amasa Clapp. Attest. Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h Meeting August 26th. 1791, after solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance, the committee chosen to treat with Brother Banister, reported. Ch.h voted not to except P. report. & proceeded to choose 5 Brethren to confer further with Brother Banister, Brethren chosen are Benj.n Peirce, Jn.o Russell, Sam.ll Rhoades, Joseph Burnel Jr. & John Ewell. Then proceeded to discourse upon the intemperance of Brother Robert Hamilton & his wicked conduct & voted unanimously that they were uneasy with him on account of his excessive drinking att sundry times, & voted unanimously that P. Hamilton is required to make Reflection in a publick manner upon himself adequate to his crimes. Also voted to choose a committee of 3 to treat with hamilton. & acquaint him with ye unanous votes of ye Ch.h & admonish him to attend to his duty without delay. Brethren chose are Stephen Baker, Zachariah Wilder & John Thwing, Jr.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

1791

Att a Ch.h meeting Sept,n 9th. 1791

1st. Voted to except the report of ye committee chosen to treat further with Brother Banister (report now on file)

2ly. Voted to choose a committee of 3 Brethren to treat further with Brother Will.m Banister. (viz) Ebn.r Brown, John Burnel, John Ewell.

Voted not to except a verbal recantation for intemperate drinking made by Robert Hamilton ye last Sabbath. Was exhibited a complaint by Benj.n Peirce against Robert Hamilton for disorderly conduct etc: As may be seen on file. Ch.h proceeded to a discussion of the same & for want of time Put it over to another meeting for tryal.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h Meeting, Sept.23rd. 1791

After solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance,

Voted to except the report of a Committee chosen to treat further with Brother W.m Banister & state the difficulties & supposed difficulties & treat with him respecting the same. Brethren Chose, Thompson, Maxwell, John Burnell & Stephen Baker.

Voted to choose a committee of 5 Brethren to look into a complaint brot by Benj.n Peirce against Robert Hamilton & Report. Brethren Chose are Stephen Baker, John Thwing, Jr. Amasa Clapp, John Russell, John Rogers.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h Meeting November ye 3d, 1791

Attended to the report of a Committee Chosen Sept,23d, 1791 to take up and attend a complaint against Robert Hamilton & excepted the report of sd. committee. Complaint on file.

Voted to except a recantation or confession of Robert Hamilton as for 3d. article of complaint & report. (for contemning the authority of the Ch.h)

Also voted to except the recantation of P. Hamilton on ye 5th. article for casting reflecting on the Ch.h & Brother Coleman in particular.

Voted to adjourn P. Meeting unto ye 7th. day of this month, 10 oclok A. M. Att Brother Thwing's the place where it is not held, November 7, 1791. Mett according to adjournment.

Voted to except a confession of Brother Will.m Banister to the Ch.h on every account except the contempt cast on the Ch.h on the Lords Day & that recantation to be exhibited Publickly, & then the Ch.h Voted to restore him

At a Ch. Meeting August 28th. 1791, after solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance, the committee chosen to treat with Brother Banister, reported. Ch. voted not to except B. report. & proceeded to choose 5 Brethren to confer further with Brother Banister, Brethren chosen are Benj. n Peirce, Jno. n Russell, Sam. n Rhoades, Joseph Burnell Jr. & John Ewell. Then proceeded to discourse upon the intemperance of Brother Robert Hamilton & his wicked conduct & voted unanimously that they were uneasy with him on account of his excessive drinking at sundry times, & voted unanimously that P. Hamilton be required to make Reflection in a public manner upon himself adequate to his crimes. Also voted to choose a committee of 3 to treat with Hamilton. & acquaint him with ye unanimous votes of ye Ch. & admonish him to attend to his duty without delay. Brethren chosen are Stephen Baker, Zachariah Wilder & John Thwing, Jr. Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

1791

At a Ch. Meeting Sept. n 5th. 1791
At. Voted to except the report of ye committee chosen to treat further with Brother Banister (report now on file)
Siv. Voted to choose a committee of 5 Brethren to treat further with Brother William Banister. (viz) Ben. n Brown, John Burnell, John Ewell.
Voted not to except a verbal recantation for intemperate drinking made by Robert Hamilton ye last Sabbath. Was exhibited a complaint by Benj. n Peirce against Robert Hamilton for disorderly conduct etc: As may be seen on file. Ch. proceeded to a discussion of the same & for want of time put it over to another meeting for trial.
Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. Meeting, Sept. 23rd. 1791
After solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction & assistance,
Voted to except the report of a Committee chosen to treat further with Brother W. m Banister & state the difficulties & supposed difficulties & treat with him respecting the same. Brethren Chose, Thompson, Maxwell, John Burnell & Stephen Baker.
Voted to choose a committee of 5 Brethren to look into a complaint prot by Benj. n Peirce against Robert Hamilton & Report. Brethren Chose are Stephen Baker, John Thwing, Jr. Amos Clapp, John Russell, John Rogers.
Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. Meeting November ye 2d, 1791
Attended to the report of a Committee Chosen Sept, 23d, 1791 to take up and attend a complaint against Robert Hamilton & excepted the report of 3d. committee. Complaint on file.
Voted to except a recantation or confession of Robert Hamilton as for 3d. article of complaint & report. (for contemning the authority of the Ch. n)
Also voted to except the recantation of P. Hamilton on ye 5th. article for casting reflecting on the Ch. n & Brother Coleman in particular.
Voted to adjourn P. Meeting unto ye 7th. day of this month, 10 o'clock.
A. M. At Brother Thwing's the place where it is not held, November 7, 1791.
Met according to adjournment.
Voted to except a confession of Brother William Banister to the Ch. n on every account except the contempt cast on the Ch. n on the Lords Day & that recantation to be exhibited publicly, & then the Ch. n Voted to restore him

to the Charity & gospel privileges with them again upon his compliance with the above requisition.
 Then proceeded to attend to the evidences exhibited by Benj.n Peirce to support his complaint against Rob.t Hamilton & P. Meeting & agreed to drop the matter.

Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

1792

Att a Ch.h Meeting March 22d. 1792, After prayer for direction.

1st. attended to a request of Rd. Mr. Allen respecting ye Ch.h joining him in calling a Counsell to dissolve the union between him & this Ch.h as their pasture for certain reasons. The Ch.h chose a committee to confer with him on the subject & desired the convenience of the Select Men in P. conference. Brethren chose are John Russell, Stephen Baker, Nath.11 coleman.

Voted to treat further with Brother Wm. Banister by the committee for that purpose, Chosen Sept.23d 1791 & inform him the Ch.h was uneasy with him for his neglect.

Also that Brother John Burnel & Stephen Baker be a committee with him for his neglect in not making a publick adknowledgement for intemperance & in drinking sundry times.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h meeting June 8th. 1792 after the solemnitys of the Day, voted to choose a committee of 3 Brethren to inform Brother W.m Banister that unless he comes forward with an acceptable confession publicly that the Ch.h will proceed to give him a Publick admonition on the first Sabath of July.

Brethren chose are Nath.11 Coleman, Sam.11 Rhoades, Amasa Clapp.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Session of the Ch.h July 1st. 1792.

Voted by the mutual agreement of the Parties to choose a committee of five Brethren to take up & look into every matter relative to the difficulties now subsisting between the Ch.h & Brother W.m Banister & report at some future meeting their opinion how every matter ought to be adjusted & settled: for the approbation or disapprobation of the parties & the committee were chosen in the following manner (viz) By the churches nominating two Brother Banister three, & either party having a right to a negative voies without offering special reasons for the same. & the following Brethren were mutually chosen (viz) Benj.n Peirce, Stephen Baker, Sam.11 Rhoades, Amasa Clapp, Nath.11 Bryant.

Test: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h meeting July 18th. 1792, after attending ye publick exercise of ye Day, chose Nath.11 Coleman into the office of a Deacon to serve in this Ch.h (By ballot)

Test: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h meeting August 9th. 1792, previous to Communion, voted that Brothers Benj.n Peirce, John Ewell, & Nath.11 Coleman

to the Charity & Gospel privileges with them again upon his compliance with the above requisition.
Then proceeded to attend to the evidences exhibited by Benj. n Peirce to support his complaint against Rob. t Hamilton & P. Meeting & agreed to drop the matter.

Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

1792

At a Ch. n Meeting March 22d. 1792, After prayer for direction. lat. attended to a request of Rd. Mr. Allen respecting ye Ch. n joining him in calling a Council to dissolve the union between him & this Ch. n as their pasture for certain reasons. The Ch. n chose a committee to confer with him on the subject & desired the convenience of the Select Men in P. conference. Brethren chose are John Russell, Stephen Baker, Nath. l Coleman.
Voted to treat further with Brother Wm. Banister by the committee for that purpose, Chosen Sept. 23d 1791 & inform him the Ch. n was uneasy with him for his neglect.
Also that Brother John Burnel & Stephen Baker be a committee with him for his neglect in not making a publick acknowledgement for intemperance & in drinking swindy times.

Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n meeting June 8th. 1792 after the solemnity of the Day, voted to choose a committee of 3 Brethren to inform Brother W. m Banister that unless he comes forward with an acceptable confession publicly that the Ch. n will proceed to give him a publick admonition on the first Sabbath of July. Brethren chose are Nath. l Coleman, Sam. l Rhoades, Amasa Clapp.
Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Session of the Ch. n July lat. 1792.
Voted by the mutual agreement of the Parties to choose a committee of five Brethren to take up & look into every matter relative to the difficulties now subsisting between the Ch. n & Brother W. m Banister & report at some future meeting their opinion how every matter ought to be adjusted & settled: for the approbation or disapprobation of the parties & the committee were chosen in the following manner (viz) By the churches nominating two Brother Banister three, & either party having a right to a negative votes without offering special reasons for the same. & the following Brethren were mutually chosen (viz) Benj. n Peirce, Stephen Baker, Sam. l Rhoades, Amasa Clapp, Nath. l Bryant.

Test: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n meeting July 18th. 1792, after attending ye publick exercise of ye Day, chose Nath. l Coleman into the office of a Deacon to serve in this Ch. n (By ballot)

Test: Benj. n Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n meeting August 9th. 1792, previous to Communion, voted that Brothers Benj. n Peirce, John Ewell, & Nath. l Coleman

be a committee to discharge those members that in their judgement ought not or are unable to pay their Quota for the supply of the communion table & that the above committee settle with ye ch.h ()

Test: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

Att a Ch.h Meeting, Sept. 11th. 1792.

After prayer to Almighty God for direction,

Voted to except a report of a Committee chose July 1st. 1792.

Voted to admonish Brother Wm. Banister Publicly the second time the 23rd. of Sept.r current unless prevented by retraction in him publicly.

Also voted to admonish Br. Robert Hamilton Publicly for intemperate drinking att sundry times, unless prevented by an ample Publick confession, on the 30th. of this month.

We being att P. Ch.h Meeting, a brother Maxwell was chose to notify B. Banister.

Also voted to choose a committee of 3 Brethren to confer with Wm. Bates upon his desire of admission into fellowship with this Ch.h viz. N. Coleman, E. Patch, I Stephenson; Brother Coleman excepted of his appointment into the office of Deacon in this Ch.h.

Test: Benj. Peirce, Clerk.

At a Session of the Ch.h Oct. 26th. 1792, previous to communion

Voted to except the report of a Committee chose Sept. 11th. to confer with Wm. Bates, which was that he could not be admitted into the fellowship of this Ch.h by reason of disorderly conduct, & he being disposed to justify himself in it.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.

December 2.d 1792 Voted to give letters to Dorcas Boyden & Charity Clapp for their Relugar (Regular?) connection with Ch.h of Westhampton.

Attest: Ben.jn Peirce, Clerk.

Voted to give letters to Dorcas Boyden & Charity Clapp for their Relugar (Regular?) connection with Ch.h of Westhampton.

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1793

Att a Ch.h meeting, June 7th. 1793

Voted to proceed to the last & solemn step of Procedure with Wm. Banister (viz) Excommunication. the sixteenth day of this month after Publick worship is ended att night.

Voted that Brothers Stephen Baker & Amasa Clapp notify Wm. Banister of time & Place when the Ch.h have voted to excommunicate him.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Ch.h Clerk.

June 16th. 1793 The Ch.h of Christ in Chesterfield have this day by mutual consent & agreement, excommunicated William Banister from the fellowship of this Ch.h & cast him out into the dark & wicked world, (draft on file.)

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Ch.h Clerk.

Att a Ch.h meeting

Voted to renew their watch over each other & especially respecting

be a committee to discharge those members that in their judgment ought not or are unable to pay their quota for the supply of the communion table & that the above committee settle with ye ch. n. ()
 Test: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

At a Ch. n. Meeting, Sept. 11th. 1792.
 After prayer to Almighty God for direction,
 Voted to except a report of a Committee chose July 1st. 1792.
 Voted to admonish Brother Wm. Banister Publicly the second time the 23rd. of Sept. r. current unless prevented by retraction in his publicly.
 Also voted to admonish Br. Robert Hamilton Publicly for intemperate drinking at every time, unless prevented by an ample Public confession, on the 30th. of this month.
 He being at P. Ch. n. Meeting, a brother Maxwell was chose to notify B. Banister.
 Also voted to chose a committee of 3 Brethren to confer with Wm. Bates upon his desire of admission into Fellowship with this Ch. n. viz. N. Coleman, E. Patch, I. Stephenson; Brother Coleman excepted of his appointment into the office of Deacon in this Ch. n.
 Test: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

At a Session of the Ch. n. Oct. 28th. 1792, previous to communion
 Voted to except the report of a Committee chose Sept. 11th. to confer with Wm. Bates, which was that he could not be admitted into the Fellowship of this Ch. n. by reason of disorderly conduct, & he being disposed to justify himself in it.

December 2. d 1792 Voted to give letters to Dorcas Boyden & Charity Clapp for their Relugar (Regular?) connection with Ch. n. of Westhampton.
 Attest: Benj. n. Peirce, Clerk.

Page 116
 1793

At a Ch. n. meeting, June 7th. 1793
 Voted to proceed to the last & solemn step of Procedure with Wm. Banister (viz) Excommunication. the sixteenth day of this month after Public worship is ended at night.
 Voted that Brothers Stephen Baker & Amasa Clapp notify Wm. Banister of time & place when the Ch. n. have voted to excommunicate him.
 Attest: Benj. n. Peirce, Ch. n. Clerk.

June 16th. 1793 The Ch. n. of Christ in Chesterfield have this day by mutual consent & agreement, excommunicated William Banister from the fellowship of this Ch. n. & cast him out into the dark & wicked world.
 Attest: Benj. n. Peirce, Ch. n. Clerk.

At a Ch. n. meeting
 Voted to renew their watch over each other & especially respecting

Public worship etc.

Voted to attend confession of faith & Ch.h covenant every stated session of the Ch.h.

Voted to choose 3 members of the Ch.h to treat with Robert Hamilton and ripen matters to lay before the Ch.h att some future meeting. (viz) John Russell, John Thwing, Jr. & Stephen Baker.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk. Ch.h.
Rev. A. Joseph Adger, of Haverhill, Sec. of the Congregational Society of Chesterfield, Mass.
Rev. L. Whitman, Boston.

Att a session of this Ch.h. November 14th. 1793

Attended to the report of a committee chosen to treat with Brother Robert Hamilton, then proceeded to attend to a complaint brot against Dea. Benj.n Peirce & Nath.ll Coleman by Robert Hamilton.

Voted that the complaint against D.n Coleman is not supported & P. Coleman is acquitted of P. charge.

Voted that the charge in the complaint against D.n Peirce is not supported & P. Peirce is acquitted of P. charge.

Voted to raise a levy for ye supply of the communion table.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Clerk.
to with be adjourned to the 15th. of this instant May 1794.

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1794

Att a session of the Ch.h of Christ in Chesterfield, Feb. 19th. 1794,

Voted R.d Mathias Cazier a call to settle with us in the work of the Gospell ministry in this town,
2ly. Voted Brothers Benj.n Peirce, Spencer Phelps, & Stephen Baker be a committee to acquaint Mr. Cazier with the call of ye Ch.h.

3ly. Voted that the Committee also desire the selectmen to insert in the March Meeting warrant an article to know whether the Town will Concur with the Ch.h in the call of ye Rd. Mathias Cazier.

Attest: Benj.n Peirce, Ch.h Clerk.

1794, March 2d.

Voted Desire Rust have a letter & Remove her relation to Westhampton.

Attest: B. Peirce, Clerk.

Att a session of the Ch.h April 11th. 1794,

Voted that Robert Hamilton be publicly admonished by this Ch.h
1st. for intemperate drinking.

2ly. by Profane Swearing

3ly. for striking att a man with a dangerous weapon,

4ly. for contempt cast on this Ch.h

5ly. for neglect of worship & ordinances.

2nd. Voted that the 27th. of Aprill current be the day that P. Hamilton be publicly admonished.

3ly. Voted to choose a committee of 3 members to notify Hamilton of the same as above described.

Also to discourse listed () Hamilton for neglect of worship and ordinances. Brethren chose as P. Committee are John Russell, John Thwing, Jr. & Stephen Baker.

Attest: Ben.j Peirce, Ch.h Clerk.

At a session of the Ch. in 25th. April 1794, after the solemnity of

prayer to Almighty God for direction etc.

I. Voted that all matters of difficulty subsisting between this Ch. & Robert Hamilton & Elizabeth his wife; also all matters of difficulty between P. Robert & Elizabeth & Benj. n Peirce be submitted to a council of three ministers with their churches; by one delegate from each Ch. n. (Viz.) Rev. d Joseph Badger; of Blandford, Rev. d Aaron Bascom of Chester, Rev. d Sam. l Whitman, Goshen.

Voted that the above proposed council set the 8th. day of May
Attest: Benj. n Peirce, Clk. (Ch. n.)

27th. April the Ch. n. voted to send to the Ch. n. of Christ in Hatfield & omit sending to Blandford for assistance in Council.

4th. May, 1794 this Ch. n. voted that the time prefixt for ye Council to sett be adjourned to the 13th. of this instant May att 9 o'clock A. M.

At a session of the Ch. n. of Christ in Chesterfield, June 13th. 1794,
Voted to receive & restore Robert Hamilton to the regular standing with this Ch. n. again by his consenting to two confessions for said Publick & scandalous sine by him committed at sundry times as may be seen in Page 246.
Also voted to choose a Committee of 3 Brethren to treat with Brother Asenath Wilder for his Neglect Publick worship etc. Brethren chosen are Brothers Benj. n Peirce, Nath. l Coleman & Stephen Baker.
Attest: Benj. n Peirce; Church Clerk.

ADMISSIONS

BAPTISMS

MARRIAGES

Church Records of the Town of Chesterfield, Mass.

Page 46Persons Admitted into full Communion 1765.

1765 Jan. 13, Admitted the wife of Joseph Burnell by dis-
mission from Dudley.
" the wife of Joshua Healy by dismissal
from Dudley.
" the wife of Ezra May, by dismissal
from Woodstock
" the wife of Robert Hamilton by dismissal
from Pelham
" the wife of George Buck by dismissal from
Wrentham (2 Ch.s)

These - the wives of those who were first imbedded:-

1765 Jan.y 13, Admitted Lemuel Lyon & wife.
March 10, " Mehetabel, the wife of Daniel Winter by
dismissal from Killingly, Conn.
July 7, " Mary, ye wife, Jonath'n Anderson by dis-
mission from Ch. Hingham.
28, " Hannah, ye wife of David Stearns.
Nov. 24, " Prince Cowen & Wife.

1764..... Persons Admitted to the Sacrement of Baptism.

Page 47 Dec.m 1, Baptized Seth, Son to Seth Burk

1765 Persons Admitted to Baptism 1765

Page 47 Jan. 13, Baptised Joel, Son to Lemuel Lyon
Mar. 10, " Electe, Daughter to Daniel Winter
Apr. 14, " Mary, Daughter to Abijah Tucker
" Chester, Son to Abijah Tucker
May 12, " Calvin, Son to Ezra May
" Cyrus, Son to David Stearns
26, " Mercy, Daughter to Jeremiah Stockwell
" Jeremiah, Son to Jeremiah Stockwell
" Mary, Daughter to Jeremiah Stockwell
" Lydia, Daughter to Jeremiah Stockwell
Sept. 29, " Margaret, Daughter to Robert Hamilton
Nov. 24, " John, Son to Prince Cowen
" Reuben, Son to Prince Cowen
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March 2, " Salome, Daughter to Seth Burk
May 4, " Ceene(?) " to Lemuel Lyon
July 27, " Mary, " to Cap. Israel Stoddard,
Aug. 27, (or 7?) " Ebenezer, Son to Ebenezer Trusdell (Pittsfield)
Nov. 23, " Elinah, Daughter to John King
Dec. 7, " Rowena, Daughter to Dea. Benj.n Tupper
" Sophia, " " " " " } Twins
14, " David Day, Son to Jeremiah Spaulding

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Feb. 8, Baptized Lucrecia, Daughter to Archelaus Anderson
" Susannah, Daughter to John Haulbert
15, " Caleb, Son to Joshua Healy
Mar. 9, " James Gilbertus, Son to James Cox
May 10, " David, Son to Jonathan Anderson
17, " Hannah, Daughter to Abijah Tucker
" Abner, Son to Benjamin Bryant
" Eunice, daughter to Benjamin Bryant

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767	May 17,	Baptized	Ruxbee, Daughter to Benjamin Bryant.	
		"	Esther, " " " "	
	31,	"	Sarah, " " Jeremiah Stockwell	
	July 5,	"	Walter, Son to Benjamin Bonney	
		"	Sarah, Daughter to Daniel Winter.	
	Aug. 2,	"	Annie, " " Wheeler, No. 3	
	23,	"	Risbee, " " Benjamin Bonney	
	Sept. 6,	"	William Gilford,	
		"	William, Son to William Gilford	
	Oct. 25,	"	Lois, Daughter to James Lull	
	Nov. 15,	"	Robert, Son to John King	
	Dec. 13,	"	Azuba, Daughter to Ebeneser Ammadown	
		"	Sarah, " " " "	
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.53	Jan. 17,	"	Ashel, Son to Benjamin Briant	
	March 6,	"	Prudence, Daughter to Dea'n Ezra May	
		"	John Kid, Son to Robert Hamilton	
	April 17,	"	Marsilve, Daughter to James Cox	
	March 13,	"	John, Son to John Halbert	
	April 25,	"	Abigail, Daughter to William Halliock	
	May 1,	"	Elizabeth, Daughter to Jeremiah Spaulding	
	29,	"	Lucida, " " Ephraim Patch	
	July 10,	"	Rebecca, " " Ebenezer Truesdell	
	25	"	Pearley, Son to Abijah Tucker.	
		"	Roxa, Daughter to Tille Burk	
	31,	"	James, Son to Joshua Rogers	
		"	Persis, Daughter to Prince Cowen	
	Aug. 14,	"	Joseph, Son to David Stearns	
	Oct. 23,	"	Joseph, Son to _____ Mitchel, In Ashfield	
769	March 26,	"	Seth, Son to Seth Burk	
	April 2,	"	Stephen, Son to David Russell	
	16,	"	Benjamin, Son to Benjamin Parsons	
	30,	"	Minerva, Daughter to Deacon Benjamin Tupper	
	June 11,	"	Oliver, Son to Thomas Fintin	
		"	Josiah, Son to Josiah Haden	
		"	aneriam, Daughter to Richard Church	} at Hatfield Division
		"	Stephen, Son to Thomas Meekins	
	July 16,	"	Elijah, Son to Lebulon Hearick (Zebulon)	
	23,	"	Anna, Daughter to Benj.n Bryant	
	Aug. 6,	"	Mary, my Daughter (Benj.n Mills, Ch. Clerk 1769)	
		"	David, Son to David Russell	
	Sept. 10,	"	Luce, Daughter to Jeremiah Stockwell	
		"	Matthew, Son to Edward Orcut	
		"	Thomas, " " " "	
		"	Quartus, Son " " " "	
	Oct. 1,	"	Penvel, Son to Aaron Jewel	
		"	William, " " " "	
	8,	"	Stephen Chittenden, Son to John Wilder	
		"	Hannah, Daughter, to John Smith	
		"	Sarah, " " " "	
	29,	"	Catherine, Daughter to John Pitcher Tucker	} <u>Twins</u>
		"	Pamela, " " " "	
	Nov. 19,	"	Anna, Daughter to John Halbert	
		"	Mary, " " Daniel Winter	
	26,	"	Hannah, " " Robert Webster	

No.	Name	Sex	Age
1	John Smith	Male	25
2	Mary Jones	Female	30
3	Robert Brown	Male	22
4	Elizabeth White	Female	28
5	William Black	Male	35
6	Ann Green	Female	20
7	James Grey	Male	32
8	Isabella Hall	Female	27
9	George King	Male	24
10	Fanny Lee	Female	21
11	Thomas Young	Male	29
12	Sarah Adams	Female	26
13	Richard Scott	Male	31
14	Charlotte Wilson	Female	23
15	Henry Taylor	Male	28
16	Emily Davis	Female	25
17	John Miller	Male	33
18	Margaret Moore	Female	22
19	Samuel Clark	Male	27
20	Elizabeth Lewis	Female	24
21	David Walker	Male	30
22	Ann Robinson	Female	21
23	George Hall	Male	26
24	Fanny King	Female	23
25	Thomas Lee	Male	28
26	Sarah Young	Female	25
27	Richard Adams	Male	31
28	Charlotte Scott	Female	22
29	Henry Wilson	Male	27
30	Emily Taylor	Female	24
31	John Miller	Male	29
32	Margaret Moore	Female	26
33	Samuel Clark	Male	23
34	Elizabeth Lewis	Female	28
35	David Walker	Male	25
36	Ann Robinson	Female	30
37	George Hall	Male	22
38	Fanny King	Female	27
39	Thomas Lee	Male	24
40	Sarah Young	Female	29
41	Richard Adams	Male	21
42	Charlotte Scott	Female	26
43	Henry Wilson	Male	23
44	Emily Taylor	Female	28
45	John Miller	Male	25
46	Margaret Moore	Female	30
47	Samuel Clark	Male	22
48	Elizabeth Lewis	Female	27
49	David Walker	Male	24
50	Ann Robinson	Female	29

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1771

May 5th. Admitted Christopher Banister & Abiel his wife by
letter from 3rd. Ch.h Brookfield
26th. " Deborah Cushman.
July 21st. " Jonathan Nelson from ye Ch.h in Upton
Sept. 1st, " Hannah Parsons
" Mary, wife of Robert Dammon from 2 Ch.h Scituate
22nd. " Katherine, wife of Daniel Littlefield from Ch.h
Bridgewater
Oct. 13th. " Mary, wife of Nemiah Sylvester Junior.
Nov. 3, " Micah Jepson & Mary his wife from ye Ch.h in
Cohasset.

1772

Jan. 5th. " Wid. Margaret Putney from Charlton
Esther, wife of Joshua Knight from Northampton
13th. " Benjamin Parsons - from Northampton
May 3rd. " Mary, wife of Elijah Warner from 2 Ch.h in
Lebanon
July 5th. " Daniel Brown & Wife
Nov. 1st, " Jael, wife of Adam Beal from Cohasset

1773

July 7th, " Abigail, wife of Bezzeleel Moffett
Aug. 15th, " Lemuel Banister & Elizabeth his wife.
Nov. 7th " Paul King & Wife from Northampton
" Dr. Isaac Robinson - from Hardwich
28th. " Isaac Walker & Wife

1774

Feb. 20th. " John Russel & Hannah his wife.
Mar. 6th. " Sarah Hunt, wife of Samuel -- from Pelham
May 1st. " Rebeckah, wife of Capt. Will.m Buckingham from
Lebanon.
" Betty, wife of -- Wiman from 2 Ch.h in Brookfield.
" Elizabeth, wife of Ezra Cogswell from 2 Ch.h in
Coventry.
8th. " Thomas Brown & Wife.
Sept. 11th. " Esther, wife of Peter Strong from Hadly.

1779

December Were admitted Roger Sprague from New Braintree into full
communion with this Church.
Also the Wido Lucy Russel from the 1st. Ch. in
Killingly
Also, Ebenezer Orcutt & Jane his wife from
Cohasset.

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Record of persons admitted into covenant & communion of
this Ch.h from e date hereof November
23rd. 1796 Attest, I Waters, Clerk.

1796

June 25th. Admitted B (?) Ludden of Chester

1798

June 17th. Church (admitted?) to their communion Susannah, wife of
Samuel Hamilton from the Ch.h in Chester.
Aug. 12th, Commr. (?) Rhoads
Sept. 20th. Min (or Miss?) Wilder
Oct. 4th. Rachel Ewell
Oct. 14th. David Anderson, Spelcer Coleman, Ruth Coleman and Nancy
Davis

(over)

1799

Feb. 24th.

Ch.h admitted, Benjamin Rhoads, Jason Rhoads,
Hannah Rhoads, John Goun, Jonathan Bushnell, Jr.,
Benjamin Peirce, Jr., Israel Peirce, Rhoda Rust
Cynthia Anderson, Hannah Anderson, and Molly Hadan,
and Sarah Baker, wife of Elisha Baker.

Attest, I. Waters.

1789

August 16th. Was Admitted Joshua Knight, John Ewell & Deborah
his wife.

September 20th " " Mary, the wife to Thomas Peirce.
(Desire Cogswell) Polly Orcutt,
(Charity Peirce)

Risbee Pyncheon,
Rebecca Collier, Priscilla Peirce &
Esther Bryant

October 25th, " " Asa Bates, John Ewell, Jr. Jonathan Payne
Alanson Anderson, Tristram Brown, Hannah
Packard, Meribah Peirce, Martha Rice,
Molly Stutson, Anne Haden.

December 8th " " Susannah, wife to David Torrey.

1790

Feb. 28th, " " Spencer Phelps & Naomi Phelps, his wife.

April 2nd, " " Salome, wife to Joseph Rhoades, Jr. by
letter from ye Ch.h N. Hampton

4th, " " Jamima Haden, wife to Noah Haden

May 2nd, " " Abigail, wife of Eben.r Healey

August 1st. " " Betty, wife to Gideon Bisbee (Bisb)

Sept. 19th. " " temperance, wife to Zach.h Wilder

24th " " Zachariah Wilder

1792

Aprill 20th, " " Agnes, wife to Capt. Seth Sylvester by
letter from Ch.h of Christ in Pelham.

" " Eunice, wife to Ct. Jedidiah Southworth
by letter from CH.H Cht. N.Hampton

1770

Jan. 7, Admitted Lieut Abner Brown & wife from Brookfield & Western.

May 6, " the Widow Elizabeth Spaulding

July 1, " Mary, the wife of Samuel Grimes.

" Hannah, the wife of Jonathan Anderson from 1 Ch.h
in Killingley.

Sept. 2, " John Stephenson & Martha his wife from 2 Ch.h
Hingham vz. Cohasset.

1792

June 8th. Was admitted Ruth wife to Sam.ll Witherell upon a letter
from Ch.h Hanover

28th. Oct. " " Rebecca, the wife of Dn. Nath.ll Coleman.

1793

Sept. 1, " " Mehitable Nichols upon a letter from Ch.h
of Christ in Pembroke

" " Hepzibah, wife to John King of Goshen.

1794

Aug. 2nd. " " Deacon Moses Kingley & his wife, also (Kingsley?)
Sarah, the wife of Ebenezer Kingley upon a
letter from the Ch.h of Christ in N.Hampton

Aug. 24th. " " Sarah & (Elizabeth) Polly

1795

May 22nd. " " Theophilus Howard upon a certificate from
the first Church in Bridgewater.

1771

Jan. 6th. " " Hannah, the wife of Timothy Lyman

Feb. 24th. " " Benj.n Peirce & Priscilla his wife from the
first Ch.h in Situate

" Thomas Fance

May 5th. " Joseph Banister & Mary his wife by letter
from 3rd.Ch.h Brookfield.

1781 May 6th,	Admitted	Huldah Damon
	"	Elizabeth Sheene, wife to _____ Sheene
June 3rd.	"	Nathaniel Sylvester and Sarah his wife.
	"	Ruxbee Briant, wife of Benj.n Briant
July 1st.	"	Sarah, wife to John Packard
	"	Hannah, wife to Nehemiah Sylvester
Aug. 5th.	"	Nehemiah Sylvester
	"	Elizabeth Pinchen, wife of Eben.n Pinchen
Oct. 23rd.	"	Seth Tayler.
	"	Nath.ll Coleman
	"	John Rogers
	"	James Morton
	"	Rebeckah Cole
Nov. 25th.	"	Elizabeth Tayler
	"	Samuel Cole
	"	Amasa Clapp & wife by a letter from
Dec. 2nd.	"	Lemuel Bates (Northampton.
1782 Jan. 10th.	"	Isaac Whilmore & wife by a letter from
		Killingsly
	"	Azuba Kellogg, wife of Russell Kellogg by
		letter from Williamsburg.
Aug. 18th.	"	Marah, wife of James Morton
1783 March 29th.	"	Hepzibeh, wife to Paul Clap by letter from
		Northampton
1782 Jan. 10th.	"	Ebenezer Pinchin
1784 March 2,	"	Marah, wife to Ephraim Phinney
April 25th.	"	Naomi, wife to Spenser Phelps by a letter
		from Northampton.
July 2nd.	"	Jemima Strong by a letter from Marlborough &
		Lucy Cowin by a letter from ye 2d Ch.h from
		Scituate.
Sept. ye 5th.	"	Mercy, wife to Peter Strong by a letter from
		ye Ch.h of Hadley
	"	Mary, wife to Jonathan Stockwell by a letter
		from ye first Parish in Sutton.
	"	Rachel Polly by a letter from ye Ch.h of Christ
1785 April 17th.	"	in Marlborough.
		Was admitted Stephen Baker & Wife from the Ch.h
		of Northampton, by a letter.
June 24th.	"	Was admitted Rachel, wife to Oliver Edwards
		from the Ch.h of Christ in N. Hampton
Nov. 4th.	"	Was admitted Frances, wife to Charles Ridd by
		letter from the Ch.h of Christ in Pelham.
1786 Sept. 24,	"	Was admitted into communion Ichabod Daman &
		Ruth, his wife.
1787 July 15th.	"	Elisha Cobb by a letter from the
		Ch.h of Christ in Hardwick.
1788 April 18th.	"	Sarah, wife of John Thwing
1789 May 22nd.	"	John Olds & Ruth Olds his wife from
		the Ch.h of Christ in Dalton by
		letter.
June 14th.	"	Elizabeth, the wife of John Stone upon
		a letter from ye 2d. Ch.h of Christ
		in West Springfield.
Aug. 2d.	"	Ruth, wife to Hugh Maxwell.
Aug. 16th.	"	Ezra Cogswell.

Admitted

1781 Jan.y 7, ~~Baptised~~, Nathaniel Briant, and Joanna, his wife
 " John Halbert and Aleiner, his wife
 " Thomas Halbert and Hannah, his wife
 " Jonathan Russel, and Joanna his wife
 " John Thwing, Jr. and Chloe, his wife
 " Isaac Holmes
 " George Briant.
 Feb. 22, " Benjamin Ludden & wife by letter from
 the second church in Braintree.
 " John Thwing by letter from the church
 in Conway.
 Feb. 25, " Bettiah^h, the wife of John Pitcher Tucker.
 " John Burnell and Mary his wife.
 " Daniel Ludden.
 " Reuben Rugg.
 " Joseph Burnell, Jr.
 " Martha Gilbert
 " Dorcas Brown
 " David Studley
 " Apallos King
 " Daba Daman
 March 7th, " - Ebenezer Brown
 " Joel Custen
 " Abijah Ludden of Williamsburgh
 1766 March 2nd, " Hulda, the wife of Benjamin Tupper

 July 6th " Sarah Smellage by dismissal from
 North-Hampton
 Aug. 7, " Ebenezer Braydell(?) & wife by dismissal
 from Dudley.
 Sept. 7, " Miriam, wife of Archelaus Anderson by dis-
 mission from 2nd. Ch.h Shrewsbury.
 Dec. 28, " Hezekiah Read by Dismission from Winsor.
 " Rebeckah ye wife of Seth Burk by dismissiann
 from N.Hamton
 1781 May 6th, " Samuel Rhoads & Sarah his wife
 " Josiah Brown Relation removed by letter
 " Samuel Gilbert " " " "
 " Greenwood Brown " " " " to }
 Goshen 1786
 " Admitted Sarah Bates, wife of William Bates
 " Dorcas Lane, wife of Nathan Lane
 " Hannah Warner, wife of Elijah Warner
 " Ruxbee Briant
 " Mary Anderson
 " Hannah Anderson Was dismissed & Recommended
 Sept. 1789

	Nov. 26	Baptized	Anna, Dau. to Robert Webster
		"	Achsah, Dau. to Robert Webster.
		"	Molley, " " " "
1770	Page 57 Feb. 11,	"	Molley, Dau. to John Smith.
	Feb. 18,	"	Paulina, dau. to Benjamin Bonney.
	Apr. 16,	"	Zenus, Son to Tille Burk
		"	Esther, dau. to Abijah Tucker.
	22,	"	Susannah, dau. to Archelaus Anderson.
	May 6,	"	William, son to Robert Webster.
	13,	"	Unice, Dau. to John King
		"	Mary, Dau. to Ebenezer Ammadown
	July 8,	"	James, Son to Samuel Grimes
	15,	"	Marvin, Son to Aaron Judd
	Aug. 12,	"	Sarah, Dau. to Ephraim Patch
	Sept. 30,	"	Samuel, Son to Samuel Grimes
	Oct. 21,	"	Betty, Dau. to Timothy Rice
	Oct. 28,	"	Caleb, Son to Dea. n Ezra May
	Dec. m 16,	"	David, Son to Jonathan Anderson
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	April 7,	"	Josiah, my Son
	May 5,	"	Hannah, Dau. to David Stearns
		"	Edward White, Son to Deacon Benj ⁿ Tupper
	26,	"	Betty, Dau. to John James
		"	Tabitha, Dau. to Thomas Fance
		"	Rebecca, Dau. to Thomas Fance
		"	Mary, Dau. to Thomas Fance
		"	Lucinda, Dau. to Deborah Cushman
	19,	"	Barzillai, Son to David Russel
	May 2,	"	Benjamin, Son to Joshua Bailey
		"	Thankful, Dau. to Timothy Lyman
		"	Bartlet, Son to Joshua Rogers, Junior
	June 23,	"	Rebeckah, Dau. to John Wilder
	July 21,	"	Esther, Dau. to William Halliock
	28,	"	Edward, Son to Ezra Phillips
	Aug. 4,	"	Rachel, Dau. to Prince Cowen
	Sept. 8,	"	Son to Robert Hamilton
	22,	"	Joel, Dau. to Zebulon Hearick (Jael?)
		"	Robert, Son to Sterling King
		"	Rebeckah, Dau. to Daniel Littlefield
	29,	"	George, Son to Edward Orcut
	Oct. 6,	"	Levi, Son to Nemiah Bates
	13,	"	Caleb, Son to Ichabod Dannon
		"	Mary, Dau. to Sylvester, Junior — <i>Nemiah</i>
	Nov. 27,	"	Paulina, Dau. to Jonath. n Warner - Williams-
	Dec. 8,	"	Cynthia, Dau. to John Smith burg)
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1772	Jan. 5,	"	Priscilla, Dau. to Benjamin Peirce
	19,	"	Artemas, Son to Wiman
	Feb. 16,	"	Hannah, Dau. to Aaron Jewel
	23,	"	Joseph Sylvester, Son to Joseph Bailey
	May 3,	"	Sarah, Dau. to Samuel Buck
	29,	"	Thomas, Son to John Halbert
	June 28,	"	John Sterling, Son to John King
	July 5,	"	Susannah, Dau. to Robert Webster
		"	Cynthia, Dau. to Daniel Brown
	19,	"	Mary, Dau. to Samuel Grimes

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August 2,	Baptized	Gershom, Son to Abijah Tucker
Sept. 20,	"	Alpheus, Son to Daniel Winter
27,	"	Sally, Dau. to Elijah Tyler
Oct. 19,	"	Jonathan, Son to Joshua Knight
Nov. 8,	"	David Day, Son to Benjamin Bonney

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Jan.y 10,	"	Allice, Dau. to Ebenz.r Ammadown
31,	"	Seneca, Son to Doc.t Isaac Robenson
Feb. 28,	"	Elijah Hunt, my Son
March 17,	"	Rebeckah, Dau. to James Stockwell
April 11,	"	Hulda, Dau. to Dea.'n Benjamin Tupper
May 2,	"	Elizabeth, Dau. to Joseph Bailey
9,	"	Jerusha, Dau. to Timothy Lyman
23,	"	William Royal, Son to Edward Convers
June 6,	"	Eli, Son to Benjamin Briant
15,	"	Solomon, Son to Ezra Phillips
20,	"	Martha, Dau. to William Halliock
July 4,	"	Reubee, Dau. to Zebulon Herrick
Aug. 1,	"	Mary, Dau. to Paul King
29,	"	Stephen, Son to Bezaleel Moffitt
	"	Abner, Son to Daniel Brown
	"	Hannah, Dau. to Lemuel Lyon
	"	Salley, Dau. to John Hames
Sept. 5,	"	Dau. to the widow Trusdell
	"	Levi, Son to Robert Hamilton
Oct. 27,	"	Esther, Dau. to Joshua Knight
Nov. 7,	"	Betty, Dau. to Lemuel Banister
28,	"	Mary, Dau. to Isaac Walker
	"	Esther, Dau. to Isaac Walker
	"	Daniel, Son to Isaac Walker
Dec. 5,	"	Orijah, Son to Edward Orcut

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Jan.y 30,	"	Rebecca, Dau. to Joshua Bailey
Feb. 20,	"	Hannah, Wife to John Russell
Mar. 20,	"	Alanson, Son to Jonathan Anderson
	"	Sarah, my Daughter
April 27,	"	Elizabeth, Dau. to Aaron Jewell (Jedell?)
May 1,	"	Calvin, Son to Prince Cowen
8,	"	Charles, Son to Samuel Grimes
June 12,	"	John, Son to John Russell
19,	"	Mary, Dau. to Daniel Littlefield
	"	Levi, Son to John Halbert
	"	Abel, Son to William Higgins
26,	"	Cynthia, Dau. to Ephriam Patch
July 20,	"	Rebecca, Dau. to Micah Jepson
31,	"	Mary, Dau. to the widow Mary Healey
	"	Joshua, Son to the widdo Mary Healey
Aug. 28,	"	Charlotte, Dau. to Robert Webster
	"	Hadassah, Dau. to Jedediah Tucker
Sept. 25,	"	Ruth, Dau. to Samuel Hunt
	"	Elizabeth, Dau. to James Stockwell
Oct. 2,	"	Cynthia, Dau. to Doc.t Issac Robinson
9,	"	Wealthy, Dau. to Benjamin Briant
	"	Priscilla, Dau. to Zack Curtice
	"	Molley, Dau. to Abiel Stretson
	"	Cynthia, Dau. to " " (Stutson or ? Shelson) Stutson

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1775 Nov. 2, Baptized three Children for Reuben Loomis
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The following persons were admitted to baptism
while this church was (deprived?) of a settled
minister.

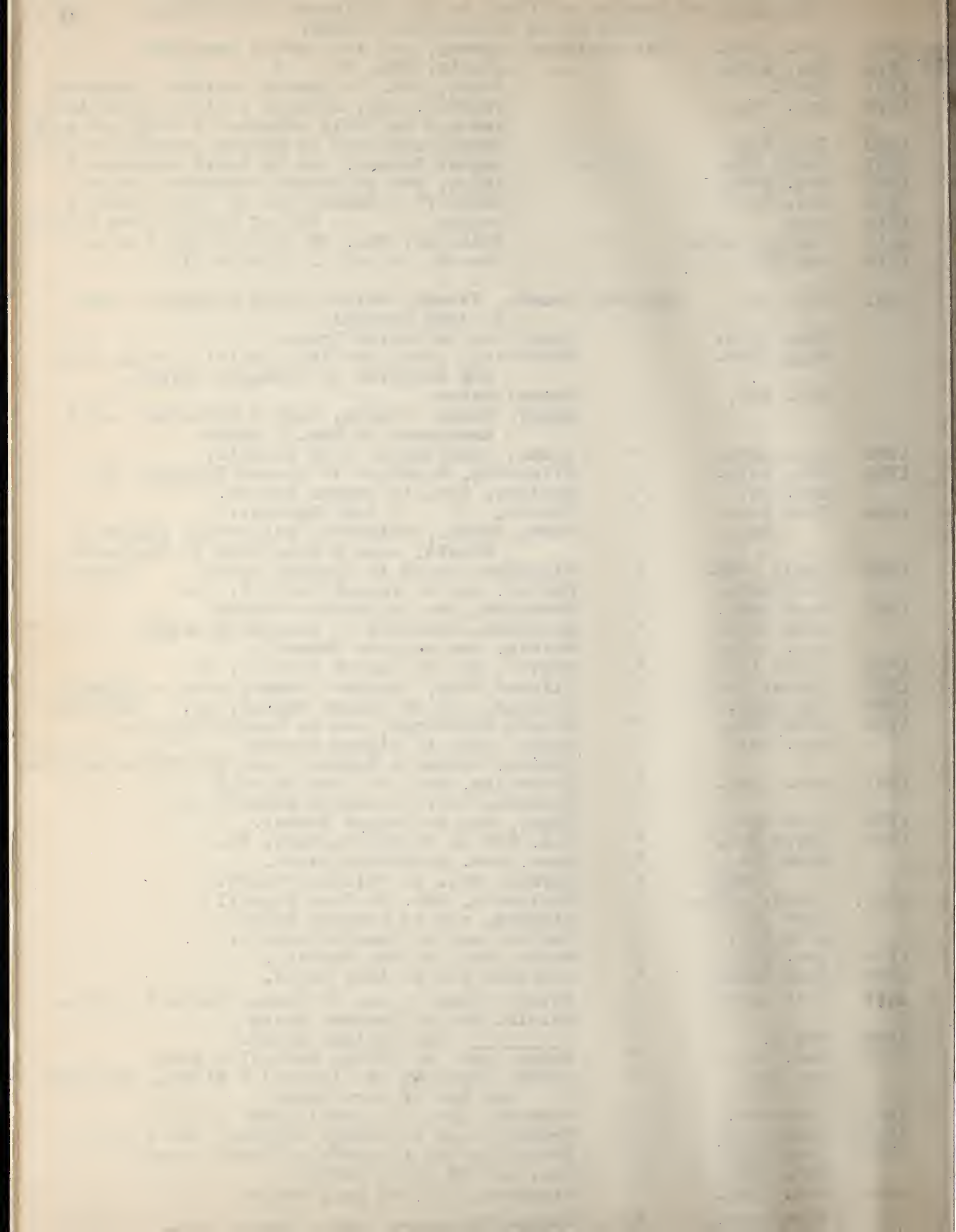
1775 Baptized David and Jonathan ,Sons to Jere^h Stockwell
Sept. 17, Baptized Esther, Dau. to Jeremiah Stockwell

"	"	Desire, Dau. to Ezra Phillips
"	"	Molly, Dau. to Paul King
"	"	Ansell, Son to Ebenezer Ammadown
"	"	Elias, Son to Robert Hambleton
"	"	Submit, Dau. to Samuel Grimes of c-gore (Chesterfield Gore.) (now Goshen)
"	"	Ebenezer, Son to Isaac Walker
"	"	Nathaniel, Son to Joshua Balley
"	"	Elizabeth, Dau. to Zebulon Herick
"	"	Irena, Dau. to _____ Banister
"	"	Elizabeth, Dau. to _____ Stockwell
"	"	Kezia, Dau. to Daniel Littlefield
1777	"	Daniel, Son to Daniel Littlefield
	"	William, Son to William Higgins

The names of Persons admitted to the Ordinance of Baptism,
placed in an Alphabetical order.

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age 1792	Oct. 7th.	Was Baptised	Harvey, son to Alanson Anderson
68 1794	Nov. 10th.		Electa, Dau. to " "
1797	April		Junah, Dau. to Namond Corintha Anderson
1799	Sep. 8th.		Charity, Amy, Deborah & Simon, daughters and son to David Anderson & Saly, his wife.
1800	June 8th.	<i>Alanson</i>	Mabel, daughter to Monson Anderson & wife.
1801	April 5th.		Lemuel Brooks, son to David Anderson & "
1805	Dec. 26th.		Ralph, son to Monson Anderson & wife.
1808	Sep. 10th.		Smry (?) & Edmon, son of David Allen & "
1810	Feb.		Calvin, son of David Allen & wife.
1812	October 4th.		Juliana, Dau. of David Allen & wife.
1814	May 8th.		Almond, son of D. Allen & Wife
1781	Mar. 18,	Baptised,	Sereno, Joseph, Melzar, John & Luther, sons to John Burnell.
	June 17th.	"	Luke, son to Josiah Brown
	July 12th.	"	Nathaniel, Lyda, Ezekiel, Royial & Seth, sons and daughter to Nathanel Bryant.
	Dec. 2nd,	"	Lemuel Bates
		"	Mercy, unice, Joseph, Ruth & Rebeckah, son & daughters to Lem.11 Bates
1782	Aug. 15th,	"	Marah, daughter to John Burnell.
1783	Mar. 30th.	"	Elizabeth, daughter to Joseph Burnell, Jr.
	Nov. 16,	"	Wealthy, dau. to George Bryant.
1784	July 4th.	"	Hannah, " " John Burnell.
	15th.	"	Mary, Samuel, Tristram, Elizabeth, Joseph & Submit, sons & Daughters to Ebenezer
1785	April 17th.	"	Sidenham, child to Stephen Baker. (Brown.
	July 3rd,	"	Harvey, son to Joseph Burnell, Jr.
1786	June 18th.	"	Ebenezer, son to Ebenezer Brown
	July 16th.	"	Susannah, daughter of Greenwood Brown.
	Aug. 20th.	"	Calvin, son to John Burnell.
1787	April 1st.	"	Harvey, son to Joseph Burnell, Jr.
1788	August 24th.	"	Eliphus Clap, George & Abner, sons to {George
1789	May 31st.	"	Chester, son to Joseph Burnal, Jr. {Bryant.
1790	July 11th.	"	Joseph Hutchings, son to George Bryant.
	Aug. 1st.	"	Betty, wife to Gideon Buisby.
			Jotham, Luther & Nathan, sons to Will.m Banister
1791	Jan. 16th.	"	Catherine, dau. to John Burnell.
			Assenia, Dau. to Joseph Burnell, Jr.
1792	July 22nd.	"	Henry, son to George Bryant.
1793	March 3rd.	"	Eli, son to Joseph Burnell, Jr.
	June 9th.	"	Anne, dau. to Rebeca Bates.
	23rd.	"	Dorcas, dau. to Tristram Brown.
1795	Febry. 18th.	"	Mehitable, dau. to John Burnell
	June 7th.	"	Alpheus, son to Rebecca Bates.
	July 5th.	"	Newton, son to Joseph Burnell.
1796	Dec. 4th.	"	Rufus, son to John Burnell.
1797	June 25th.	"	Quartus, son to Anne Baker.
X 1797	July 15th.	"	? Bator (Bates?), son to Joseph Burnell & wife.
		"	Calvin, son to Rebecca Bates
1798	May 4,	"	son to Anna Baker.
1799	Feb. 24,	"	Nancy, dau. to Joseph Burnell & wife.
	May 26,	"	Charty (Charity or Electy?) & Elisha, daughter and son of Sary Baker.
1800	June 3rd.	"	Minerva, dau. to Samuel Baker & Wife.
1801,	June 29th,	"	Frances, son to Joseph Burnell, Jr. & wife.
1802,	Jan. 30th.	"	James, son of the wife of James Bates.
	Dec. 5th,	"	Mun, son of Catty Parber.
1804,	Feb. 12th.	"	Minervia, dau. of Anna Baker.
	June 10th.	"	Andrew Kingsbury, son to Saria Baker.



1806	April 13th,	Baptized	Sarah, daughter of Sariah Baker.
	June ditto,	"	Betsey P., daughter of Patty Barber.
e 97	Aug. 3rd.	"	Oliver Butterfield.
	Sept. 14th.	"	Elijah, Electa, Eliza & Clarisia, children of Mr. S. Butterfield & wife.
	Oct. 5th.	"	Phebe Baker, the wife of Thadmus Baker.
	12th.	"	Their children, Parmela, Phebe, Stephen, Nancy, Agness & Benjamin.
1808	June 5th.	"	_____ daughter of the wife of _____ Bisby
	July 24th.	"	Eli, son of S. Butterfield.
1809	Jan. 29th.	"	Amantha, dau. of Thadeus Baker & wife.
1810	March,	"	Benj. Peirce, son to Tirza Bisnll.
	June	"	Triphenia, Twing, dau. of Patty Bisby (?)
1811	September	"	P. Cynthia, dau. of Sarra Birnell
	October	"	Horace, son of S. Butterfield
1812	July 26th.	"	Edwin, son to Patty Bisbee
	Oct. 4th.	"	Nancy Bates, an adult.
	December	"	John, son of Min Baker.
1815	Dec. 23rd.	"	Ralf (?) son of Tirza Bisnell.
		"	Sary, dau. of Patty Bisbee.
1817	Sept. 27th.	"	Min, daughter of Min Baker.
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1819	November,	"	Soiria Annlia, dau. of Chester Burnell.
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1781	April 14th.	"	Anna, dau. to Ezra Cogswell.
	October 25th.	"	Rebeckah, wife to Amaziah Cole
	November 11th.	"	Sarah, dau. to Ezra Cogswell.
	18th.	"	Rachel, dau. to Nath.11 Coleman
	25th.	"	Doroty, daughter to Amasa Clapp
	December 2nd.	"	Ruth & Nathaniel, son & dau. to Nathaniel Coleman.
1782	Sept. 29th.	"	Ruth, dau. to Amaziah Cole.
1783	June 15th.	"	Ira, son to Amasa Clapp
1784	June 13th.	"	Ebenezer, son to Amaziah Cole
	20th.	"	Martha, dau. to Ezra Cogswell.
	27th.	"	Sarah, dau. to Paul Clapp
	Oct. 20th.	"	Spencer & Marcia, son & Dau. to Nath.11 Coleman.
1785			Also Abner, son to Southworth & Ruzbe Cole.
	March 6th.	Was baptised	Amasa, son to Amasa Clapp.
	July 10th.	"	Sophia, dau. to Elijah Cole
	17th.	"	Adisa, child to Paul Clapp
	Oct. 9th.	"	Southworth, son to Southworth Cole.
1786	June 18th.	"	John, son to Amaziah Cole
	July 9th.	"	Deborah, dau. to Elijah & Deborah Cole
1787	May 20th.	"	Benjamin, son to Southworth & Ruxbe Cole.
	May 27th.	"	John, son to Paul & Hepzibeth Clapp.
1788	June 22nd.	"	Daniel, son to Elizabeth Cogswell.
	July 13th.	"	Lyman, son to Amasa Clapp.
	Oct. 12th.	"	Rebecca, dau. to Amaziah & Rebecca Cole.
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1788	Oct. 19th.	"	Noah, son to Nath.11 Coleman.
1789	May 17th.	"	Martha, dau. to Hepzibah Clap.
	May 31st.	"	Ruxbee, dau. to Ruxbee Cole.
	Sept. 20th.	"	Rebecca (Collier) an adult.
1790	July 11th.	"	John, son to Nath.11 Coleman
1791	Mar. 27th.	"	Morris, son to Amasa Clapp
	May 8th.	"	Fawnen, dau. to Reuxbee Cole.
	15th.	"	Theodosia, dau. to Hepzibah Clapp.
	June 12th.	"	_____ dau. to Rebecca Cole.
1792	July 1st.	"	Samuel, son to Nath.11 Coleman
1793	June 9th.	"	Derastus, son to Reuxbee Cole.

1793	July 14th.	Was baptized	Electa, daughter to Hepzibah Clapp
1794	November 2,		Roxa, daughter to Amaziah & Rebecca Cole
1795	May 10th,	"	Chester, son to Hepzibah Clapp
	17th,	"	Hiram, son to Reuxbee Cole
1796	Aug. 14th,	"	Hiram, son to reuxbee Cole. (Repetition and dates as in original book.)
1797	April 23,	"	Calton, son to Hepzibah Clapp
1798	June 10th.	"	Cole
1799	May 6th,	"	Catharine Chambers, adult.
	Aug. 19,	"	James, son to Nathaniel Coleman & Wife.
1817	Jan. 29th,	"	Martha Coleman & Mary Gordon, daughters of Sarah Cushing.
1820,	Feb.	"	Eben Lee, son of Eb.Clapp & wife.

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1798	Oct. 14,	Baptized	Nancy Davise, an adult
1799	August,	"	Elijah, (?) Mercy, Mary & William, sons and daughters to Margrt. Davise.
	Nov. dt.	"	Patience Damon the wife of A. Damon
1806	June 1,	"	Thomas Darling, an adult
	Sept. 21,	"	Abmiria, daughter of []
1810	February,	"	Roemia, daughter of Thomas Darling.
1811	July 17th.	"	Theodsia, daughter of Theodona, wife of Sulvanus Dunham.

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1785	October 9th.	"	Rachel, dagter to Oliver & Rachel Edwards
1789	May 24th	"	Sally, daughter to Rachel Edwards
	Sept. 27th,	"	Consider & Solomon, sons to John Ewell
1791	Feb. 6th.	"	Oliver, son to Oliver & Rachel Edwards.
1792	Oct. 29th.	"	Morris, son to Rachel Edwards
1795	May 10th.	"	Elisha, son to Rachel Edwards
1797	April 16, -	"	Timothy, son to Rachel Edwards
1804	Oct. 7th.	"	Maria, daughter to Hannah Edwards
1807	March 15th.	"	Ansel, son of Hannah Edwards
1806		"	Horrace & Minirvia,, children of Sally, wife of Consider Ewell.
1807	Sept. 27th.	"	Julia, daughter of Salley Ewell
1811	Jun. 6th.	"	Eveline, daughter of Hannah Edwards
1812	April	"	Jane, daughter of Salley Ewell
1813	"	"	Aurelia, daughter to Hannah Edwards
1814	July 17th,	"	Sophronia, daughter to Salley Ewell
1815	June 4th.	"	Emily, daughter to Hannah Edwards
1816	Sept. 20th,	"	Dwight, son of Salley Ewell

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1780	Dec. 21,	"	Sarah, daughter to Samuel Grimes of the Gore.
1781	March 18,	"	Joel, son to Joel Gusten
	April 1,	"	Daniel, son to Christopher Grant
	1,	"	Susa, daughter to Christopher Grant
1782	Sept. 15,	"	Charlotte, daughter to Joel Gusten
1817	June 22nd,	"	Edward Austin & Clarisa Coffin, son & dau. of S Graves, wife of Persis Graves.
1818	June 7th.	"	Frankling, son of Persis Graves & wife
1820	May 28th.	"	Francis, son of the wife of Peris Graves

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1781	Jan. 28.	"	Molly, daughter to John Halbert
	June 3rd.	"	Thomas, Eli and Asa, sons to Thomas Halbert.
	July 12th,	"	Martha, daughter to John Halbert
		"	Hannah, Sarua and Rufus, son and daughters to Isaac Holmes,
1783	Sept. 29th.	"	Calvin, son to Sam.ll Hunt
1782	Sept. 22nd.	"	Hannah, daughter to Thos. Halbert
1784	March 2nd.	"	Asahel, son to John Halbert
	July 11th,	"	Amia, dau. to Dn. Thos. Halbert.

1786 June 4 TH ,	Baptised	Achsah, daughter to Dn. Thos. Halbert
1788 Aug. 24th,	"	James, son to Dn. Thos. Halbert
1789 Oct. 25th,	"	Anne (Haden) an adult
1790 Sept. 5th,	"	David, Nathan, Ebenezer, Abigail, Seth and Pearley, sons and dau. to Abigail wife to Ebenezer Healey.
1791 Aug. 24th.	"	Esther, Molly, Gershom, Lydia & Jemima, children to Jemima, wife to Noah Haden.
1792 Oct. 7th,	"	Abigail, dau. to Abigail Healey.
1798 June 15th,	"	Justus, Selima and July, children to Su- sannah, wife of Samuel Hamilton.
Oct. 17th,	"	Aaron, son to Susannah Hamilton.
1801 Feb. 8th,	"	Samuel, son to Susannah Hamilton.
1808 Sep. 10,	"	Sophonria, dau. to Hannah (Higgen?)
1814 April 23,	"	Zenas Hatch Swift, grandson to Harrie Hatch and wife, (?) by letter fr. the Ch. in Belchertown.
1816 Dec. 10,	"	Lois Hawkings, adult, Abigail, their dau.
1817 Jan.		
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1793 June 9th,	"	Ezra, son to Polly Jewell
1795 May 24th,	"	Electa, dau. to Polly Jewell
1797 July 15,	"	Lora, dau. to Polly Jewell
1799 Sep. 15,	"	Moses, son to Polly Jewell
1802 June 6th.	"	Maria, dau. to Polly Jewell
1808 July 17th,	"	Elisa, dau. of Polley Jewell
1810 Oct. 21st.	"	Marnis, son of Polley Jewell
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1781 May 6th.	"	Elizabeth, dau. to Joshua Knight
1782 Sept. 5,	"	Tarza, " " Paul King.
1784 June 27th,	"	Will.m son to Apollos King.
July 2,	"	John, son to Russell Kellogg.
11th,	"	Marcia, dau. to Paul King
18th,	"	Miriam, dau. to Joshua Knight.
1787 June 26th,	"	Thomas Frothingham, son to Apollos King.
Dec. 8th,	"	Seth, son to Joshua Knight.
1788 Aug. 3,	"	Mary, daughter to Apollos King.
Oct. 4th,	"	Zebina, son to Joshua & Esther Knight.
1792 Jan. 8,	"	Apollos, son to Apollos King.
1794 Sept. 28th,	"	Edwin, son to Sarah Kingsley
1795 May 10th,	"	Ornan, son to Apollos King.
1796 Dec. 4th.	"	Judith, daughter to Sarah Kingsley.
1797 Oct.	"	Salley, daughter to Apollos King.
1800 June 6th,	"	Abner, son, Ashel & Nabby Kingsley.
1804 Mar. 25,	"	Quartus, son of Sarah Kingsley.
1806 Sept. 28th,	"	Ebenezer Knight, son to Sarah Kingsley.
1807 March 22,	"	Merrick, son to Ashel Kingsley & wife.
1811 May 12,	"	Calvin, son of Hannah Knight.
1815 April	"	Sophonria, " "
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1781 March 4,	"	Luther, son to Widow Ludden of Williamsburgh.
April 1,	"	Silas, son to Lem.l Lyon of the Chesterfield
6,	"	Samuel Leach. (Gore.
June 17th,	"	Daniel, Irenna, Betty Pattridge and Nathan, sons and daughters to Nathan Lane.
Dec. 2nd,	"	David, son to Nathan Lane.
1784 July 4th,	"	Joshua, Caleb, Silence, sons to Daniel Littlefield.
1787 Oct. 8th,	"	Ruth, Sinthy, Clarissy, Bozar & Asa, daughters & Sons of Bozar Ludden, Athol, I.W.Ch.Cl.
1801 May	"	Harriot, George & Maria, daughters & Son of Polly Lewis

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1804 Oct. 7,	"	Esther, daughter to Bozar Ludden & wife.
1806 Oct. 26th.	"	Masro, son of Bozar Ludden.
1810 July 22,	"	Samuel, son to Mr. Luce.
1812 May 12,	"	Nancy, daughter of Mr. Luce.
1813 Sept. 12,	"	Jonathan, son of Jonathan Luce.
1815 June	"	of Jonathan Luce.
1817 March 9th,	"	Mahitable Luce, wife of Jonathan Luce.
1818 June 7th,	"	Jonathan, son of Jon. Mahitable Luce.
1819 Nov.	"	Augustus, son to Jon. Luce & wife.
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1781 March 18th,	"	Gane, daughter to Bez. l Moffet
April 12th,	"	Lecta, " " Nehemiah May.
May 3rd,	"	Hannah, " " " "
1782 Oct. 13th,	"	James, son to James Morton.
May	"	Josiah, Mary, Mehitable & Abigail, son & daughters to James Morton.
1789 August 2nd,	"	Crosby, son to Ruth Maxwell.
1790 August 1st.	"	Jonathan Holmes, son to James Morton
Oct. 3rd,	"	"Feimele" child to Ruth Maxwell.
1792 April 22nd,	"	Simeon Wyman, son to Esther Maxwell.
Sept. 16,	"	Erastus, son to Ruth Maxwell.
1794 June 8th,	"	Liley, daughter to Esther Maxwell
April 23rd,	"	Joshua, son to Esther Maxwell.
1805 Aug. 11th,	"	Adoline, daughter to Susannah May, now wife of Thomas Mayhew.
1807 March 22nd,	"	Maryann, daughter to Susannah Mayhew.
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1781 Aug. 5th.	"	Moses and John, sons to Eben'n. Orcut.
1788 Oct. 19th.	"	Parnal, daughter to John Olds.
1807 June 4th.	"	Joseph Anderson, son to Purth Orcut.
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1781 May 20th,	"	Ebenezer Pinchen, aged 70 years.
	"	Israel, son to Decon Benj.n Peirce.
1784 March 2nd.	"	Mary, wife to Ephraim Phinney.
	"	Mary, Elizabeth & Hannah, daughters to Ephraim Phinney.
May 9th,	"	Zurviah, daughter to Benj.n Peirce.
1787 May 20th,	"	Tirzah, daughter to Benj.n Peirce.
1789 Sept. 13th,	"	Parnel, daughter to Benj.n Peirce.
20th,	"	Rispah (Pyncheon) an adult.
Oct. 25th,	"	Hannah (Packard) an adult.
1790 Feb.r 28th.	"	Timothy Allen, son to Spencer Phelps.
1793 March 3rd.	"	Ephraim, son to Mary Phinney.
July 7th,	"	Theodamy, daughter to Spencer Phelps.
1797 Jan. 29th,	"	Theodamy, " " " "
1798 Feb. 21st,	"	Moorace and Edwin, sons to Mary Parsons.
1800 June 8th,	"	John James, son to Benj.n Peirce Jr. and
1802 June 27th,	"	Lois, daughter to Benj.n Peirce & wf. (wife.
1804 Dec. 16,	"	Harvey, son to Benj.n Peirce & wife.
1806 Sept. 4,	"	Lyman, dito.
1808 Nov. 27th.	"	Maria, daughter of Benj.n Peirce Jun. and (wife.
1810 Sept. 2nd.	"	Jane, daughter to Benj.n Peirce & wife.
1812 July 26th,	"	Benjamin, son to Benj.n Peirce & wife.
1814 June 5th.	"	Debby, daughter of Benj.n Peirce & wife.

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1804 Dec. 16,	"	Harvey, son to Benj.n Peirce & wife.
1806 Sept. 4,	"	Lyman, ditto
1808 Nov. 27th,	"	Maria, daughter of Benj.n Peirce Jun. and wife.
1810 Sept. 2nd.	"	Jane, daughter to Benj.n Peirce & wife
1812 July 26th,	"	Benjamin, son to Benj.n Peirce & wife
1814 June 5th.	"	Debby, daughter of Benj.n Peirce & wife
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1781 Jan.y 7,	"	Jonathan, son to Jonathan Russel
May 20th.	"	Lyda, daughter to Samuel Rhoades
1783 July 13th.	"	Joanna, daughter to Jn.o Russell
1784 July 13th.	"	Rowena, daughter to John Russell
1785 July 24th.	"	Aaron, son to Jonathan Russell
1787 Feb.y 28th.	"	Mary, John, Elizabeth & Jane, son & daughters to John Rogers.
July 8th,	"	Hannah, daughter to John Russell
1788 Jan. ye 13,	"	Theodosia, daughter to Soloman Russell
May ye 18th,	"	Wealthy, daughter to Jonathan Russell
1789 July 26th,	"	Rowena, daughter to Soloman Russell
Aug. 30th,	"	Sophia, daughter to John Russell
1790 April 2nd,	"	Elijah, son to Salome Rhoades
4th,	"	Lucy, daughter to Jn.o Russell
1791 March 13th,	"	Solomon Lincoln, son to Sol.o Russell
May 23rd,	"	Elijah, son to Salome Rhoades
Aug. 28th,	"	Sally, daughter to John Russell
1792 Dec. 30th.	"	Elvira, daughter to Sol.o Russell
1793 Jan.y 13th.	"	Clerecy, daughter to Martha Rice
July 7th,	"	Harvey, son to Salome Rhoades
1794 April 13th.	"	Parmela, daughter to Jonathan Russell
Oct. 19,	"	(Solon Rice) son to Solomon Russell
1795 May 10th	"	Sophia, daughter to Salome Rhoades
June 11th,	"	Tirza, daughter to Jonathan Russell & wife.
1797 Aug. 27th,	"	Marthy, Lucy, Electy & William Stephenson, son & daughters to John Roggers.
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1797 Sept. 10,	"	Osman, son to Saloma Rhoades

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1798 Feb. 18th, Baptised Zeno, son to Soloman Russell
 1799 Feb. 24th, " Ja (?) Rhoades, adult
 1800 May 4th, " Sarah, daughter to Soloman Russell
 1801 May 10th, " Horrice, son to Ruth Roads
 1802 Dec. 26th, " Maria, daughter to Soloman Russell
 1804 Sept. 16th, " Charlot, daughter to Maria, the wife of
 Joseph Rice.

1806 Feb. " Harvey, son of Soloman Russell,
 June 1, " Jonathan Ring, and adult
 1807 April 26th, " James Flower, son of Polly Rhoades
 1813 August " Alviry, daughter of Jonathan Ring
 1815 October 16, " Emma Chapman, daughter of Polly Rhoades
 1817 Sept. 21, " Sidna, son of Samuel Rhoades & wife

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1781 March 18, " Asahel, son to David Studely
 May 27th, " Becka, daughter to William Sheen
 July 12th, " Bartlet, Hannah & Russel, son and daughter
 to Nehemiah Sylvester.
 " Zechariah, Daman and Elezer Stevens, sons to
 Nathaniel Sylvester
 1782 Jan. 20th, " Chisa, daughter to Nehemiah Sylvester.
 Oct. 6th, " Ruth, daughter to David Studley
 Nov. 3rd. " Absalom, son to Nathaniel Sylvester
 1784 July 4th, " Lydia, daughter to Nehemiah Sylvester
 Sept. 5th. " Clarecy, " to Peter Strong
 1785 July 10th, " David, son to David Studley
 " Elisabeth, daughter to Nath. 11 Sylvester
 1787 March ye 11th, " Rosel, son to Peter Strong.
 Oct. 14th, " Minerva, daughter to Nehemiah Sylvester
 1788 June 15th, " Salla, daughter to Nathaniel Sylvester
 July 4th, " Jonathan, son to David Studley
 1789 June 14th, " Mehitable, daughter to Nehemiah Sylvester
 1790 Aug. 1st, " Nath. 11 son to Nath. 11 Sylvester
 1791 Aug. 28th, " Ichabod, son to David Studley
 1792 Aprill 30th, " Bettsy, daughter to wife of John Stone
 July 22, " Nehemiah, son to Nehemiah Sylvester
 Oct. 14th, " Desire, daughter to Nath. 11 Sylvester
 August 24th, " Lois, daughter to David Studley
 1793 May 26th, " Theodosia, daughter to Nath. 11 Sylvester
 1795 June 28th, " Harriot, dau. to Elisabeth Stone
 1797 March 26th, " Ameilla, daughter to Elisa. Stone
 Oct. 8th, " Elisabeth Stebbins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs.
 White as the gift of Mrs. White upon her
 death bed to Mrs. Eliza Stone for its reli-
 gious education, which before me was accepted.

Attest: I Waters, Pastor.

1799 Feb. 24th, " Hannah Stutson, an adult.
 March 9th, " Samuel, son to Elisabeth Stone.
 Sept. 5th " (?)

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1802 Jan. 30th, " Ira, son of the wife of Caleb Sheldon
 1804 Sept. 16th, " Charlot, daughter to Mrs. Sheldon
 Oct. 5th, " George Hall Sylvester, an adult
 1806 Oct. 5th, " Foradice, Sephroma & Minervia, children
 of George Sylvester & wife.
 Dec. 7th, " Maria Moton, daughter of Mr. Sheldon

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Persons Professing Faith in Christ and owning the Covenant
in order for Baptism only.

April 17, 1765	Abijah Tucker & Wife by a Dismission from Woodstock
May 26, 1766	Jeremiah Stockwell
Nov. 23, "	John King & Wife
Dec. 17, "	Jeremiah Spaulding & Wife by Recommendation from Killingley
Feb. 8, 1767	John Halbert & Wife
April 26, "	James Cox & Anna his Wife by Recommendation from Gilead
May 17,	Benjamin Bryant & Wife by certificate from Scituate
July 5, "	Benjamin Bonney by Certificate from 2 Chs. Pembroke
Dec. 13, "	Ebenezer Ammadown & Wife
July 29, 1768	Joshua Rogers & Wife from 1st. Ch. Scituate
Mar. 19, 1769	David Russel & Sarah his Wife
Aug. 27,	Edward Orcut
Sept. 10,	Wife of Edward Orcut from Hingham
Oct. 23, 1770	Timothy Rice & Mary his wife.
June 16, 1771	Esther, the wife of Ezra Phillips
Sept. 22,	Sterling King
Oct. 13,	Ichabod Dammon & Ruth his wife from 1st. Ch. in Scituate.
Nov. 3,	John Hanes and Lois his wife from Ch. in Cohasset
Feb. 23, 1772	Joseph Bailey & Wife
Mar. 19, 1773	James Stockwell from Athol
May 23,	Edward Converse & Phebe his Wife from Woodstock
June 19, 1774	William Higgens & Wife from Eston (Easton?)
July 31,	The Widow Mary Healey
Aug. 28,	Jedediah Tucker & Wife from Brimfield
Oct. 4,	Abial Stretson & Wife. (Stutson)

The above are some of the first
settlers of Chesterfield.

TABLE

Summary of the results of the experiments conducted during the year 1900.

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17. The effect of the nature of the solid reactant on the rate of the reaction.	100	100
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Marriages

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1767 July 22, Then married David Russel & Sarah Healey, both of
 Chesterfield.
 1767 October 5, " " Samuel Thomas & Kezia Burk, both of
 Chesterfield.
 1768 October 9, " " Nehemiah Sylvester & Mary Russel, both
 of Chesterfield,
 1769 April 13, " " Archelaus Anderson of Chesterfield, &
 Sarah Webber of Murrifield.
 1769 May 31, " " Gideon Mixter & Sarah Moss, both of
 Worthington.
 July 7, " " John Brown & Jerusha Phelps, both of
 Chesterfield.
 Sept. 7, " " Bezeleel Moffet & Abigail Sterns, both of
 Chesterfield.
 Nov. 16, " " Josiah Hadlock & Phebe Reed, the former
 of Hatfield & the latter of Chesterfield.
 Married also, Richard Sylvester & Mehitabel Burnel, both
 of Chesterfield.
 Dec. 7, Then married Consider Bryant & Rebeckah Cudworth, both
 of Chesterfield.
 28, " " Joshua Healey & Mary Damon, both of
 Chesterfield.
 1770 April 26, " " John Leonard & Sarah Peirce, both of
 Worthington.
 Married also, Thomas Halbert of Chesterfield & Hannah
 Keeny of Worthington.
 Nov. 15, Then married Beriah Curtis & Amey Leonard both of
 Worthington.
 20, " " Jedediah Davidson of Charlton & Mary Putney
 of Chesterfield.
 Dec. 6, " " Josiah Fisk of No. 2 in Berkshire County &
 Elizabeth Morse of Worthington.
 Married also, Asa Cattrel of Salsbury in the Colony of
 Connecticut & Lucinda Clapp of Worthington
 13, Then married Joseph Underwood & Dinah Farr both of No. 5
 27, " " Increase Niles & Margaret Howard both of
 Chesterfield.
 1771 May 1, " " Thomas Hall & Hannah Buck both of Chesterfield
 23, " " Jacob Farr & Martha Russel both of No. 5
 July 2nd, " " Simeon Higgins & Hannah Hubbard both of
 Chesterfield
 1772 Jan. 2, " " Reuben Dresser & Mary Burnell both of Chester-
 field.
 Mar. 25, " " John Burnell to Mary Banister, both of
 Chesterfield.
 30, " " John Russell to Hannah Smith both of
 Chesterfield.
 April 14, " " Lemuel Banister to Elizabeth Brown both of
 Chesterfield.
 June 25, " " David Studly to Ruth Dammon, both of
 Chesterfield.
 Oct. 7, " " Simeon Titus to Mary Tenant both of the Gore
 adjoining this town.
 8, " " Nathan Lane to Dorcas Mascraft both of
 Chesterfield.
 Dec. 8, " " Barzillai Banister to Deborah Cushman both
 of Chesterfield.

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1772 Dec. 31, Then married Joel Warner to Bulah Banister both of
Chesterfield.

1773 Feb. 23, " " Ebenezer Putney of Chesterfield and Susannah
French of Williamsburgh.

April 21, " " John Haden to Fredom Polley both of Chester-
field.

May 20th, " " Luther Curtice to Rebecka Bixbee both of
Chesterfield.

June 16, " " Nehemiah Sylvester to Hannah Bartlet both
of Chesterfield.

Sept. 15, " " Caleb Dammon to Lucy Morse both of
Chesterfield.

1774 Feb. 1, " " Consider Little of Lebanon in Connecticut to
Rebecca Buckingham in the Gore ad-
joining Chesterfield.

17, " " Josiah Perry to Elizabeth Pinchin both of
Chesterfield.

June 20, " " Nathaniel Jewell to Asenath Dammon, both of
Chesterfield.

30, " " Oliver Taylor to Lela Beals both of Chester-
field.

Oct. 13, " " John Roggers to Jane Stephenson bothe of
Chesterfield.

20, " " Ebenezer Niles to Mary Bartlet both of
Chesterfield.

27, " " Artemas Stone to Jerusha Parsons both of the
Gore.

1780 Nov. 9, " " William Banister to Mehetabel Brown both of
Chesterfield.

Dec. 7, " " Joseph Ringe of Worthington to Pinalopa Patch
of Chesterfield.

1781 Jan. 11, " " Henry McNelly to Deborah Pinchen both of
Chesterfield.

March 8, " " Edmaund Bigelow of Worthington to Olive Stone
of Chesterfield Gore

9th, " " Elisha Warner to the Widow Elizabeth King,
both of Chesterfield.

29th " " Stephen Miller to Priscilla Walnut both of
Williamsburg. Walcot

April 12th, " " John Frost of Williamsburgh to Anna Tennant
of Chesterfield.

May 29th, " " Joel Gusten and Widow Wolley Webster both of
Chesterfield.

30th, " " Gideon Bixby and Bettey Briant both of Chester-
field.

31st. " " Moses Snow of Conway to Thankful Thwing of
Chesterfield.

June 18th, " " Samuell Reed to Betty Smith both of Chesterfield.

Aug. 9, " " Gershom Sylvester of Chesterfield to Mary
Ring of Worthington

Aug. 25, " " Silas King of Northampton to Sibbal Woods of
Chesterfield.

23rd. " " Jese Menck and Sarah King both of Worthington.

30th. " " Jeduthian Lamb of Benington to Jerusha Cleve-
land of Worthington.

Sept. 6th, " " David Macumber to Katharine Littlefield both
of Chesterfield.

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Marriages solemnized by me,

I. Waters, Clerk.

1797 Jan. 8, ^[Paul TR] Marvin (?) Clapp to Patty Warner both of
Chesterfield.

On the 11th, ^(Hollister) of the same. (Hotistin) Baker of Easthampton, and Jemnah ^[Jemima TR]
Ludden, Widow of Chesterfield.
^[Caleb TR] Cathe Peck of Bristol, Connecticut to
Rachel ^A Prin of Chesterfield.

April 20, Marvin Erastus Baker to ^{Polly} Polly Pratt both
of Chesterfield.







